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1. **The Welfare Program.** "... should be left more than a not a dole."

2. **The Greatest Pioneer Story in the World.** "Take two cows; start on a thousand mile walk. Your camp at night would have no plumbing."

3. **A Religious Literature.** "... of which the world could be proud."

4. **Concept of Deity.** "When He comes again, He'll come as a Man."

5. **Priesthood.** "... in the name of God."

6. **Eternal Progression.** "All that we don't have time for here, there will be a heaven for that."

7. **Tithing.** "Pay it first and then see what you can do with the other 90%."

Bennion's 16 Points

For the past 18 months Elder Adam S. Bennion of the Council of the Twelve has been a member of a travelling panel whose members represent different religious faiths and which has been holding meetings with the faculties and students of various universities throughout the country. In addition he recently completed a trip through Europe where he traveled 31,000 miles, addressed 32,000 people, and talked with 1056 missionaries.

Professors, students, and journalists everywhere showed a lively interest in the Church. The points which they found most provocative were summarized by Elder Bennion in his afternoon address at the recent Hayward Stake conference. The **Messenger** offers them to its readers not as a substitute for the **Articles of Faith** but rather as a more efficacious plan for world peace than that embodied in the famous fourteen points of another generation.

8. **Temples and Temple Ordinances.** "... not just temples, but places that are crowded with people opening the prison doors for their worthy ancestors."

9. **Ward Teaching.** "No family month without someone coming in and asking, 'Everything all right?'"

10. **No Trained Ministry.** "... your stake president, a practicing physician. In addition to that he works in the Church.

The leaders of this Church come out of the pursuits of life."

11. **Workaday Program.**

"Every time I pass a church,
I go in to visit;
So when my time comes to be carried in,
The Lord won't ask, 'Who is it?'"

12. **Grace plus Works.**

13. **Word of Wisdom.** "You're better off if you don't smoke and every woman knows that she's better off if her husband doesn't drink."

14. **Missionary System.** "Five thousand young men and women around the world. . ."

15. **Program for Youth.**

16. **Continuing Revelation.**

. . . Adam S. Bennion of the Council of the Twelve.
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Oakland-Berkeley Conference

Elder Spencer W. Kimball Disusses Obedience, Revelation

The first conference of the newly-formed Oakland-Berkeley Stake was held Sunday, November 18, in the Richmond Auditorium. Visiting from Salt Lake were Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve and Lorenzo Hatch of the Church Welfare Committee.

Typical California winter weather (sunshine, clear skies) greeted the crowds which filled the entire first floor and the first-floor loges of the auditorium.

The first speaker of the morning session was Stake President O. Leslie Stone. He thanked all who had participated in the accomplishments of the past three months: the reorganization of the stake's five auxiliaries and of half the stake's bishoprics, the development of an irrigation project and of a recreation area at the Vacaville farm, the sending of a temple caravan to Los Angeles, the reorganization of the stake mission, and the solving of the financial problems incident to the regrouping of the three East Bay stakes last August.

Looking to the future, President Stone declared that the plans for the new interstake center would be ready by February and that the housing problem of the Richmond wards was being considered. He also visualized a program of family attendance at sacrament meetings.

Lorenzo Hatch

Speaking for the Church Welfare Committee, Elder Lorenzo Hatch gave a three point summary of the Church's welfare philosophy.

1. The faithful member should take care of himself.

2. If he can't, his children should take care of him.

3. If the children can't, or don't the Church will help.

Utah Governor-Elect

George Clyde—governor-elect of Utah and father of Ned Clyde, local Church member—was present at the morning session and spoke briefly. He recalled his student days, 35 years ago, at the University of California School of Engineering. At that time he and his wife attended the Oakland Branch.

Elder Spencer W. Kimball, after noting the rapid growth of the church in California developed the timely theme of obedience.

Many people, he said, make no distinction between blind obedience and intelligent obedience. Should a 10-year old obey another 10-year old, or a citizen another citizen, that assuredly is blind obedience. But should a citizen obey a policeman; or a student, a professor; the

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Pres. McKay Prophesies BYU To Lead All Other Universities

Pres. David O. McKay pled for the anchorage of gospel ideals and also prophesied that the Brigham Young University will become the world's greatest university.

He told the devotional assemblage at the "Y" October 30, 1956 that all men move forward through the "forest of humanity." Some lose their way, he added, and others have anchors. The anchorage is composed of the ideals of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The president prophesied that Brigham Young University is destined to become the greatest university in the world. In its classrooms the teachers are free to express their honest opinion and ideas on any principle of the gospel without fear of disagreement, he said.

Emergency Ration

Since Elder Spencer W. Kimball's recent visit and remarks on world developments, increased interest has been shown in being prepared for emergencies.

Hundreds of people in the East Bay area are now placing orders with ward representatives for 35 pound, hermetically sealed cans of whole wheat or white flour for their own year's supply.

The most attractive feature of this commodity, which has been prepared for the submarine service, is that it can be stored safely for years, is high quality, and reasonable in price ($3.75 per can.)

Quorums or groups who are interested may yet place an order if they act immediately. Call Jack Tucker OLympic 5-1749. (Fourth Quorum Elders Oakland-Berkeley Stake.)

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

1. **at San Bruno Ward chapel Sunday Dec. 16 at Sacrament meeting hour.**
2. **Oakland-Berkeley Stake Sunday Dec. 30 at hour and place to be announced.**

Palo Alto Conference

Let Latter-day Saints Know Themselves Says Morris

By Gay Taylor

"Let us Latter-day Saints understand who we are," advised Elder George Q. Morris of the Quorum of the Twelve during the Palo Alto Stake conference November 24-25. "We know who God is, who Christ is, what the gospel is, and that there is no other way to salvation."

The basic trouble in the world today, he said, is that men lack faith. They can't accept the supernatural. Some men respect the teachings of the Church, but find it difficult to accept the Joseph Smith story, because it can't be proved. But we learn, Elder Morris said, by faith as well as by study. And, he pointed out, everything that God does is supernatural.

In the world today is a great counterfeit system — communism. The basic lie of the movement is that it is based upon hatred—hatred of truth, hatred of freedom, hatred of God. Yet isn't communism, some have asked, similar to our own plan of consecration? Nothing, declared Elder Morris, could be more different. One is the communism of hate, while ours is the communism of love. Hate now is enslaving millions of peopie.

Genuine vs Counterfeit

"We are standing for the genuine, and fighting the counterfeit," he said. "Let no Latter-day Saint be deceived with theories of government. We have been given the correct form."

The gospel gives the fullness of life. It is our responsibility to give it to others. When we bring someone to the gospel we are bringing him to life. "The world becomes a new world to every person who receives the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said. It is a new world economically as well as spiritually. It is a new world of understanding. It is new in all phases of human existence. It is a new world everlasting in the presence of the Lord.

The true teaching of God is that we are created in His image. "This is the most exalted truth man can have," Elder Morris said. "We are created in His image, and in embryo we have His powers."

We are all trying to get back to heaven—why did we leave? Because, Elder Morris said, we had progressed as much as possible there, and it was necessary to have new experiences on earth. "Man is that he might have joy." We will have the fullness of joy if we merit it. And this is the rea-

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Coming Stake Conference

Walnut Creek saints will meet in their first stake conference Saturday and Sunday January 5 and 6 in the Walnut Creek Chapel.

Because of the nearness to New Years day this first conference of the new stake may be said to be in the nature of a New Year's Conference.

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Oakland-Berkeley Stakes' Messiah Chorus seen in practice recently, preparatory to a grand presentation of Handel's glorious oratorio Messiah Sunday December 30 in a public auditorium to be selected and announced. Director Verna Johnson stands in center directly in front of the organ. An orchestra led by Bud Stone and a voice choir trained by Rhea Nelson and Ray Rackley will also participate. The ninety singers shown will be augmented to near 150 voices.

Hayward Stake Conference

Adam S. Bennion Speaks

The first quarterly conference of the Hayward Stake was held Sunday, November 11, in the Centerville Ward chapel. Elder Adam S. Bennion of the Council of the Twelve, the visiting authority, addressed both sessions of the conference. He was accompanied from Salt Lake by Elder William T. Lawrence of the Church Welfare Committee.

At the morning session more than 1200 people filled the chapel, the recreation hall, the stage and the classrooms of the new meeting house which, the conference visitors learned, is almost ready for dedication.

The first speaker at the morning session was Stake President Milton P. Ream. He first expressed his appreciation for the support of the bishops and of the words in the organization of the stake "It is a rare thing," he said, "to have asked so many people to help with not a single refusal."

He next considered the great amount of work which remained to be done, particularly the construction of several chapels and of the interstake center. These buildings were necessary, he indicated, to help the stake carry out its activity program. He had especially in mind the young people of the area.

President Ream concluded by recalling the two drives which he saw in life: love, which is the answer to all our problems, and love's opposite, fear. "It is true," he said, "that blessings are predicated on law. We are blessed, however, far beyond the commandments that we keep."

Dolores Bedner of San Leandro Ward and Carlton Rowe of Centerville Ward, representing the youth of the stake, spoke briefly on what the Church meant to them as young people.

Elder Lawrence, speaking for the Church Welfare Committee counseled the members to obtain food, clothing, and, if possible, fuel for at least a year ahead. He also urged the members not to speculate and not to store with any degree of waste. He concluded his remarks with several provocative maxims:

"Work earns both living and self respect."

"With a surplus, you can control circumstances; without, circumstances control you."

Address of Elder Bennion

Elder Bennion, in his morning address, recalled his recent trip through Europe. "If I were to join your Church," a Paris newspaperman asked him, "what would it do for me?"

"Sir," rejoined Elder Bennion, "it would put you to work." The apostle then explained to his conference listeners, "The Mormon Church doesn't work you to death, it works you to life."

"But if I joined your Church, I'd have to give up my buddies," objected the journalist.

"Sir, you'd find a sweeter fellowship for every friend you were to give up."

Elder Bennion next assured his interviewer that he would find a great new courage in the Church, a courage exemplified by the 400 members who recently came from behind the iron curtain to hear the apostle give an address in West Berlin.

Finally, he told the editor, the Church offers an assurance of immortality.

Afternoon Session

A. Gifford Jackson of the Stake Presidency was the first speaker of the afternoon session. At this first conference of the new stake he said, he felt a thrill comparable to that he experienced at the dedication of the Los Angeles Temple. He also alluded to the coming building program, adding that some will feel the burden heavy. Sacrifices, however, bring blessings, he emphasized.

He concluded his remarks by a consideration of the truth of the mission of Joseph Smith.

Francis B. Winkel, also of the stake presidency, reviewed the history of the Centerville Ward, of which he was until recently the bishop. Just six years ago it was only a Sunday School, four years ago it was a branch, two years ago it became a ward, and a short fourteen months ago the lot on which the lovely chapel now stands was a grove of apricot trees. In reference to the coming building program Elder Winkel stated that the Hayward II, Castro Valley, and San Leandro Wards and the Livermore Branch had already procured building lots.

Remarks were also made by Mrytle Davidson, Stake Relief Society President, and by Robert Smith, Parks Air Force Base LDS Chaplain.

The concluding address of the conference, that of Elder Bennion, is summarized on page one.

Music for the conference was furnished by the Hayward Stake choir under the direction of Lou Velle Madson with Billie Joyce Milliron at the organ. Vocal solo were by Russell Heath and Ida Huber.

HAYWARD STAKE HIGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

L to R STANDING: D. L. Smith, M. S. Christensen, C. R. Vause, R. D. Sylvester, J. N. Christensen. SEATED: T. W. Webb, H. J. McFarlane, H. J. Brown, W. W. Nelson, O. L. Ostler. Richard McDonald and Adrian McOmber were absent when the photo was taken.—Photo by Al Scheuler.

Hayward Stake Youth Wins Ind. Arts Award

Rex Montgomery, 16, of Oakland Second Ward, Hayward Stake, has been awarded first prize of $100 plus outstanding achievement award of a trip to Dearborn, Mich. in the Ford Motor Co. Industrial Arts Award Contest.

Rex's entry, one of 40,000 was an oscilloscope, a mechanism used in electronics for the recording of currents. The entries came from high school students in the United States of America, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

His school, Castlemont High, will receive a trophy and his instructor, Mr. Saba, will go with Rex to Michigan. They will fly to Chicago and go from there to Dearborn by jet plane on Sept. 26.

Gospel Adherents Assured All Useful Enlightening Things

At the Oct. 30, 1956 devotional assembly of the Brigham Young University, Pres. David O. McKay encouraged the assembly of 7500 to seek first the kingdom of God and his rightousness and "all things which are useful and enlightening will come to you."

"If you are to obtain the heights of success in life, practice in daily contact the teachings of Jesus Christ."

Hayward Ward

Ward Conference Very Inspirational

By Lorna Beech

Our ward conference held November 25 with President Ream presiding, was impressive and inspiring. On Saturday, November 24, our carnival and bazaar was held.

Thirty members of the Aaronic Priesthood and their advisors attended the football game, San Leandro vs Hayward. San Leandro won.

Sister Clara Samuels mother of Neva Driggs celebrated her ninety-third birthday this month. Congratulations!

Helen Noble was recently sustained as literary teacher for Relief Society and Norma White as Social Science instructor.

Our Special Interest class has increased the attendance remarkably under the new guidance of Frank Nelson, and Wilford L. Nelson, who has been serving as leader. We invite you to join us.

Prayer was offered in behalf of Keith Bohannon who was injured playing football, and for Kenneth Duffin who has been stricken with a strange malady.

Mickey Ostler and Bob White, visiting Europe, are at the present time in Amsterdam, having some interesting experiences.

UTAHN'S 21st BOOK TELLS STORY OF BRIGHAM YOUNG

An inspiring story for teen-age readers is contained in 'Brigham Young," twenty-first book to be written by Olive W. Burt, well-known Salt Lake City author.

It begins with a boy of seven cutting meadow grass in Sherburne, N.Y., and ends with his death in his Salt Lake home.

Inspiring Book

Between that beginning and ending is an inspiring narrative, told in a simple, straight-forward manner that captures the high spots in the life of "the greatest colonizer of his age." While written principancy for teens, the book should appeal to adult readers because of its style.

Touching Moments

There are many touching bits in "Brigham Young." These include President Young's devotion to Joseph Smith, his friendship for Heber C. Kimball, and his love for his families.

Mrs. Burt is a member of the library staff of the Desert News and Telegram. She has been a member of the paper's staff for nine years, serving in various editorial capacities.

The book is available from local LDS bookdealers.

Hayward II

Rummage Sale Coming Our Way

By Shirley Troub

Crowds joined the fun on December 7th at the Ward Bazaar. All were fully fed and pleasantly entertained. The proceeds were very encouraging.

A rummage sale for the benefit of ward welfare will be held Saturday, December 15th, at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Hayward. Clothing, household goods and appliances may be contributed for the sale by contacting LaVon Osmond, Relief Society president.

Congratulations to the Primary graduates: Sherryl Williams, Jo Dean Hawkley, Ronald McCain and Kay Bryson.

The basketball season is now under way each Monday evening at the San Lorenzo high school. Come out and support the boys who represent our ward.

The deacons under the leadership of Bro. Wallace Jones enjoyed a Saturday's outing of pee wee golf, followed by a steak dinner at the park.

The Geneaology class under the direction of Bro. Edward Bruerton are doing home teaching now, and are willing to help all those interested in genealogy research. Bro. and Sis. Carr, Bro. and Sis. Elliott and Sis. LaVon Osmond were privileged to go on the excursion to the Los Angeles Temple recently.

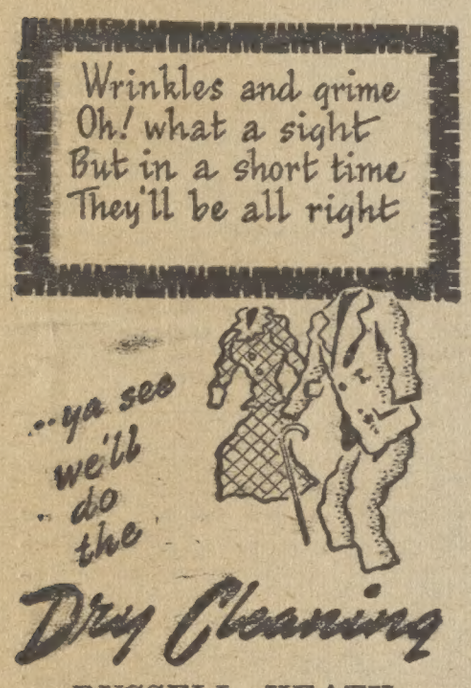
For the benefit of mothers with young children there is a cooperative baby sitting class during sacrament meeting each Sunday evening. No need now to stay home from sacrament meeting. Let us all remember it is the one meeting that we are commanded to attend.

We are proud of the growth of our ward. During the months of August and September while eight families moved from the ward fourteen families moved into the ward. Farewell to the departing; aloha to the arrivals!

I am only one-
But I am one;
I cannot do everything
But I can do something;
And what I can do
I ought to do,
And what I ought to do
By the grace of God
I will do.
—Edward Everett Hale.

TEN YEARS AGO

Ten years ago this paper was called "The Messenger of the Oakland Stake of Zion whose president at that time was Eugene Hilton, now a stake patriarch. His counselors were Delbert F. Wright and Angus H. Norberg.



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CENTERVILLE WARD'S NEW BISHOPRIC . . .
L-R: Henry L. Hoem, 1st counselor; Bishop Andy Hunt; Kay W. Richardson, second counselor; J. E. Green, clerk. Not pictured: George Mofsec'ty; Betty June Johnson, education counselor; Vera Hart, work director counselor; and Pres. Ann Powell.—Photo by Al Scheuler.

San Lorenzo Ward.

300 Enjoy Ward Party-Dinner

By L. Wimmer

At the ward party held in the new chapel November 2 more than 300 people enjoyed food and entertainment.

Two rooms are almost completed in the chapel and will be used by the stake presidency and high council.

Don Pickett is the new chairman of the chapel finance committee, with Onida Wilson secretary and John Kai, Ray Chugg, Don Smith, Colonel Vause and Norma Hartley.

One day recently at the San Francisco genealogy library, was spent by these ladies: Venice Preddis, Shirley Phillips, Adrian Gee and Martha Smith.

Ronald Buck left recently for his tour of duty on a Naval Air Force carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vastine witn Kay Smith visited their son Tom, now in the Marine corps at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Krisovitch of Los Angeles visited here, Norma will stay for about six weeks.

Lowell Brown visited in Utah and Idaho, with his son Ed and others.

New YWMIA officers are President Lenie Wimmer; counselors Lois Debenham and Raellen McCarthy; Nola Buchmiller, secretary; Joyce Bodenhammer, teacher; Garyl Fisher, secretary; Darwin and Madalyn Crane, dance directors; speech director, Kay Smith.

Merritt Bodenhammer is counselor in the Sunday School; Martha Smith is R. S. magazine representative, and Ray Chugg the Era director.

Ann Humphries took seven Bee Hive girls to the Red Wood Park Oct. 22 to pass their cooking-out requirements.

Vera Crockett gave a lesson on "Dried Flower Arrangement" to the Relief Society, and Sister Pearl Christianson recently entertained the officers at a home luncheon.

Baby blessed Nov. 4 was: Bobby Raymond Sterling Jr. Confirmed members of the Church were: Sherril Juline Rogers and Laura Ann Wells.

Centerville Wins J. C. Speech Tilt

Frank Matheson, of Centerville Ward, 16-year-old Washington Hi junior, Wednesday night was adjudged winner of the Fremont Junior Chamber of Commerce "Voice of Democracy" public-speaking contest.

Judges headed by Mayor Jack Stevenson ruled Matheson topped five other contestants for a gold cup donated by the Jay Cees. He competed in Alameda Dec. 17.

Young Matheson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Matheson of 121 Temple Way, Niles.

Inter-Stake Center Plans Soon Ready For Early Start

President O. Leslie Stone of Oakland-Berkeley Stake declares that the plans and specifications for an early start on the Church Inter-Stake Meeting and Recreation Center on Temple Hill in East Oakland are rapidly approaching the completion stage. Then the only factor will be whether the local stakes have made the collections of the stakes' share of the cost of erection. These funds have to be actually in the bank in full for our share before a start can be made on construction, it is explained. But the new and long-awaited building will be started early in 1957, we are assured. All signs point to that pleasant project.

Special Out-Side Speaker

The first high priests party of the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes will be held Saturday, November 3 in the beautiful Fourth Ward chapel. It will be a delightful evening with the wives as the invited guests for the program and dinner. There is no charge whatsoever for the excellent dinner. All is free.

Le Roi Gardner, chairman for the evening, has secured a very special out-side speaker, Dr. Harland E. Hogue of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley who wrote a doctoral thesis on the Mormons in San Bernardino. He will speak on the topic, "Tale of One City". Dr. Hogue is a great friend of some of our Church leaders and the LDS people, knowing their early history in great detail and able to portray it in most interesting manners, being a gifted public speaker.

Primary Convention

The Walnut Creek and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes joint Primary Convention was a very profitable session in the Claremont chapel Wednesday, October 17, 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. The theme was "Be Thou Humble". Visitors from the General Board were Sisters Fern Whipple and Vauna Jacobsen. Pres. Elmo R. Smith of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake presidency spoke in the afternoon.

Robert Linford, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Linford, and his bride, the beautiful Sharon Minson, daughter of the Royal Minsons, are attending the University of Utah. Robert, a last year graduate of Stanford, is doing post-graduate work.

Veda and James Linford, living up to their past floral and botanical accomplishments exhibited stately conifer trees of California at the annual Oakland Flower Show. Many are the awards and words of praise for this and past exhibits at this classics now in Oakland.

Rhea Gustaveson accompanied her parents, the Ray Blieds of Palo Alto Stake to New York, Washington, D. C., and then down the coast to Florida, over to New Orleans and other points of interest

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SPENCER W. KIMBALL
. . . of the council of Twelve Apostles.

Spencer W. Kimball Discusses Obedience

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act of obedience becomes intelligent. Many people feel, however, that any obedience which has a spiritual connotation is blind and therefore undignified.

But to obey God is not comparable to obeying a contemporary. As a child obeys his parents because authority is there, so a man should obey God, who has a right to command.

Adam was commanded to offer sacrifice and he did so, though he knew not why. This was not an act of blind faith for Adam knew that the Lord's commands were reasonable. Only later did he learn that his sacrifices were symbols of the future Lamb of God who, though without blemish, should be slain for the sins of the world.

Elder Kimball recalled various Old Testament episodes which illustrated his theme and concluded by saying that first we must live the law, through faith, afterwhich the testimony will come. Our goal is total self-mastery.

Afternoon Session

Elmo R. Smith of the Stake Presidency, followed the theme of God's love for us. To illustrate it he told of the mother who, when asked which of her children she loved most, replied, "The child that is sick, until he gets better; the child that is away, until he returns home."

He also told of plans for future excursions to the Los Angeles Temple.

The second speaker of the afternoon session, Delbert H. Rock, spoke on two subjects, the missionary system and the welfare program. Having spent several days of the preceding week at the stake farm in Vacaville, he called on church members to present themselves at the farm to help in the fall work. "Today we may be in possession of great wealth; tomorrow it may be taken from us," he cautioned.

Paul Became Superior To Afflictions

PAUL SAID

If Handicaps Humble a Man, He is Blessed Thereby.

Paul had his share of infirmities and afflictions. This was his attitude towards them expressed in his epistles:

"And lest I should be exalted above measure thru the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me.

"And he said unto me, my grace is suficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

"Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmity that the glory of Christ may rest upon me." (II Cor. 12:7-9)

President Harmon

W. Glenn Harmon, until recently the President of Berkeley Stake, gave a brief eulogy on what would have been the tenth anniversary of the stake. Remarks were also made by three new members of the High Council, James E. Sabine, C. R. Bybee, and Lorenzo N. Hoopes, and by Elder Kenner, just released from his mission.

In his afternoon address Elder Kimball discussed the nature of revelation. Citing mainly the Doctrine and Covenants, he discussed the first vision given to Joseph Smith in the grove, later appearances of Peter, James and John, manfestations in the Kirtland Temple, the 27th section in which the prophet learned that water was to be substituted for wine in the sacrament, and the use of the Urim and Thummim.

The break between revelation and inspiration would be hard to establish, he said.

He concluded by stressing the continuance of revelation in the Church today, whether it be in the deliberations of the general authorities in Salt Lake or in the work of stake and ward leaders handling their local problems.

Music for the conference was furnished by the Berkeley II Ward choir, Richard Owens, director, and Grace Boyack, accompanist. A girls trio from Oakland I Ward sang two numbers.

The MIA evening session of the conference was held in the Berkeley Ward chapel. The theme, "These are the years of Decision," was developed by a voice choir, speakers, musicians and questioners in the audience who followed a script prepared by Rhea Nelson and Ray Rackley.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mesa Temple Excursion

William H. Evans headed a stake genealogical excursion to the Mesa Temple, by train extending from Nov. 25 to 30. The round trip fare was $36.36 without the sleeper. This compares to the 1956 genealogical excursion fare of $10.00 to the Los Angeles Temple.

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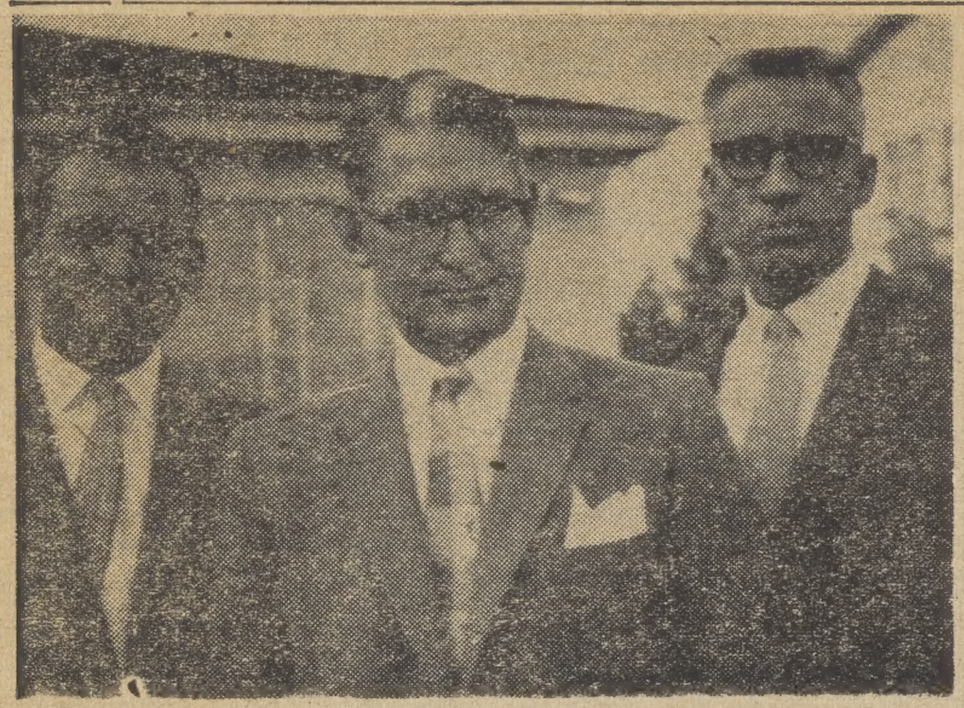

ORINDA BRANCH PRESIDENCY (Walnut Creek Stake) L-R: Neil K. Holbrook, first coun.; Stanford F. Benson, president; G. B. Powell, second counselor.—Photo courtesy Pearl Hartzell.

Walnut Creek Meeting Calendar

1956			Time
Thurs	Dec. 6	Stake Family Night	W. C. Chapel 7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 8	Stake Priesthood Meeting	W. C. 8:00 p.m.
Sun	Dec. 16	Stake S. S. Preparation Meeting	2:30 p.m.

Contra Costa Daughters Of Utah Pioneers Organized At Home Of Daughter Irene Ranker

By Mildred Fontano

On November 14, 1956, at the lovely home of daughter Irene Ranker, a Contra Costa County Camp of Daughters of Utah Pioneers was organized by President Mildred Fontano, with LaVon Johnson, Wanda Harmon, Amelia Everett, Hildred Blair and Melva Rainey of the Alameda County board to help.

Fourteen ladies who will become charter members were present. They elected Mabel Jensen Captain with Blanche Cherrington and Anna Lee Spencer, Vice Presidents and Bernice Curtis, Secretary-Treasurer. Fern Christensen, Mary Lou Harline, Irene Bledsoe, Elaine Evans and Lucille Jeffries were sustained as board members.

Captain Mabel Jensen is a former captain from Alameda County, having presided over Elmhurst camp. Under her able leadership this new camp should grow and other camps be organized in Contra Costa County as time goes by.

Alameda congratulates you. Contra Costa.

Walnut Creek Stake.

1st "Duty to God" Award In Stake Goes To Martinez

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Michael Ross Jennings of the Martinez ward was presented the Duty to God Award by Bishop Wayne Holden in Sacrament meeting.

Michael, a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood and a high school junior, is the first boy in the Walnut Creek stake to win the coveted award.

In addition to faithfully fulfilling all the requirements for the Duty to God award, Michael has been junior assistant scoutmaster of Troop 188 of the Martinez ward for the past year. He lacks only two merit badges to earn Life Scout rank.

He has served in the deacon's quorum presidency and at present is secretary to the Teachers' quorum. He has also helped his father in operating a service station.

Inter-Stake

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the past six weeks.

Karen Multz of Alameda, having passed all the tests, physical and mental, is now an air stewardess.

David Laord's sister, Mrs. Mary McClusky and her daughter and husband, the Leonard Warrens, are new members of our stake from Scotland. Mrs. Warren 's nursing at the Alameda Hospital.

Happy and enjoyable was the combined-stakes' Welfare Carnival in September. Receipts were approximately $4000, all for welfare work.

Relief Society in Salt Lake

Among those attending the General Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake City in October were our stake President Annabelle Hart and counselors Phyllis Warnick and LaVerne Rock, and six members of the stake board: Elnora Jensen, Emma Harmon, Charlotte Cummings, Violet Higham, Dorothy Stone and Grace Hopkins.

These sisters enjoyed the dedication of the new Society's building in S.L.C. Our Relief Society is scheduled for the first Friday in November at the Claremont chapel.

Fannie Bessie was a delegate to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers convention in Salt Lake in October and also attended the Relief Society conference. She was

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Martinez Ward.

Brandon Kant Made Chairman Genealogy Committee

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Brandon Kent has been sustained as chairman of the ward genealogical committee, to replace Werner Von Dorp who has been appointed to the Stake Genealogical committee. Brother Kent's counselors are Richard Ingram and Charles Bloom.

Martinez ward members turned out in large numbers for the ward carnival. Supper was by the Relief Society, the Farmers' Market by the MIA, and the cold drinks by the Sunday School.

New time for Sunday School is 10:30 a.m. . . . The Primary Halloween party was a gala event under the direction of Audrey Morgan, Vivian Gardner, and Clara Carpenter.

Jo Ann Granshaw was sustained Primary organist and Doreen Barney is the new Trekker teacher.

Gale Floyd, a new convert, was ordained a priest on November 4. Tracy Lynn Granshaw was blessed by her father Dunstan Granshaw; Flossie Irene Odom and Bertie McCanless were confirmed members of the Church.

Jean Nelson, Jean Sylvester, Doreen Barney, Gloria Ellis, Carol Frease, Pat Puckett, Ruth Jackson, and Gladys Holden were hostesses at the home of Jean Nelson at a baby shower for Yvonne Cooper and Cheryl Cooper.

Pres. McKay Declares Gospel Makes Persons More Beautiful, Handsome

President David O. McKay told the Brigham Young University devotional assembly October 30, 1956 that living the gospel brings excellence in personal features.

The Church president added that through living the teachings of Christ we become "handsome men" and "more beautiful women." Thoughts revealed in features make us more beautiful, better sons and daughters.

"However," he continued, "there is something beyond excellence . . . the more important thing is self-control. We meet better students, more loyal friends and more worthy mothers and fathers of future families.

ORINDA BRANCH RELIEF SOCIETY officers, L-R: Ruth Smith, secty; Betty June Johnson, education counselor; Vera Hart, work director counselor and Pres. Ann Powell, Courtesy Pearl Hartzell.

Walnut Creek

Nico Snel Returns From Netherlands Mission

Nico Snel, the son of the chorester Nico D. Snel Jr., returned recently from the great Netherlands Mission after serving more than two years. He comes back in the best of health and spirit, rejoicing in the work that is accomplished among the people of Holland.

He marveled however at the powerful hold the Catholic religion has upon the minds and hearts of many Hollanders, causing them to refuse to listen or investigate the restored Gospel.

Elder Snel was called to be the interpreter for the concerts and visit of the Tabernacle Choir in Holland, and also for Elder Bennion of the Council of Twelve when he toured the European missions and came to Holland.

When we asked Elder Snel how he felt about being home he said that he had a strong desire at times to return to Holland to live. He found that the atmosphere there is more relaxed than in America, the people tend to be more friendly, and happy, and life is more enjoyable on the whole, atho the country is not so rich as America. Perhaps that is the reason for the more wholesome outlook on life; they look for the more intangible enjoyments in life, and are not so tense and hurried as some in America.

TEN YEARS AGO

Brother Wright became president later while Elder Norberg, after serving for years, was released for reasons of health. Elder Wright is now living in Minneapolis.

Brother Norberg had just entered the stake presidency, having previously served as bishop of Oakland Ward. Berkeley Stake's organization Oct. 13 and Elder W. Glenn Harmon having been taken as its president, left the vacancy that resulted in Elder Norberg's call to the presidency of Oakland Stake.

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Quotes

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SAN BRUNO WARD MESSIAH ORATORIO CHORUS

Handel's Messiah will be sung in the ward chapel Sunday under the direction of R. Whitney Groo, December 16 during Sacrament services with orchestral accompaniment. Sponsors besides San Bruno Ward are Sharp Park & Seaside Branches.

FIRST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Ruth Walkup, Donna Peterkin, Pamela Robbins, Jessie Lou Robbins, Joan Brown, Dalene Wangsgard, Edna Lou Jennings, Judy Stoker, Ann Sheffield. SECOND ROW: Marva Young, Doris Anderson, Kay Burkinshaw, Nancy Joyce Birkeland, Linda Peterson, Carolyn Manny, Shelly Reid, Susan Goldwater, Ruth Packer. THIRD ROW: R. Whitney Groo, director, Bruce Johansen, Ray Wilcox, Ray Williams, Gary Estarbrook, Robert Denny, Judy Pokras, Noortje deVries, Nola Mayer, Patty Miller.

San Bruno.

Messiah Presentation To Be Unique In Many Interesting Ways

By Donna Peterkin

Handel's "Messiah" selections which will be presented at the San Bruno-Burlingame Chapel in Millbrae on December 16 at a joint Sacrament Meeting of the two wards is sponsored by the San Bruno M-MEN Gleaner groups.

The musical presentation will be unique in several ways. First the program is designed for Palo Alto Stake singers and musicians of 15 to 29 years. Second, this will be the first performance of the Christmas sections from the Messiah oratores to be presented by LDS Church groups on the peninsula. Third, rehearsals have drawn singers from Palo Alto to San Francisco and a few from Oakland including the contralto soloist, Catherine Nelson.

Conducting is R. Whitney Groo, a graduate in music from the University of Utah, who studied with Alexander Shriner and Spencer Cornwall and sang the "Messiah" under Squire Coop of USC. While studying in New York, he was assistant conductor of the New York Choral Arts Society which specializes in the "Messiah" and other 17 and 18th Century music.

Assisting is Marva Young, the Burlingame Ward choir director. Accompanying is Edna Lou Jennings, the San Bruno Ward accompanist, on the piano and pipe organ. A stringed orchestra will perform with the chorus.

Soloists are Ruth Walkup (San Francisco); Doris Anderson, Donna Peterkin, Kay Burkinshaw, Ray Williams, all from San Bruno, Hoddy Guittard of San Francisco and Catherine Nelson from Oakland.

Word of Wisdom

A Series of Chapter Reviews of "The Word if Wisdom" by John A. Widstoe and Leah D. Widstoe

BY I. B. Ball

The only published contributions to a current interpretation of the latter-day revelation (Doctrine and Covenants 89) which is specifically designated in the document itself "A Word of Wisdom," is the 263-page book by Brother and Sister Widtsoe, bearing the name, "The Word of Wisdom, a Modern Interpretation."

Published first in 1937 by the Desert News Press, the volume is dedicated to President Heber J.

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San Mateo Ward Harriet May Hill Old-Timer Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Harriet May Hill who died Nov. 9, 1956 were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Crosby-N. Gray & Co. Mortuary in Burlingame, by Adrian Sant, counselor to Bishop Frank A. Martin of the San Mateo Ward. Bishop Paul A. Peterson was the speaker and Mary Bowring sang. Sister Hill, a true Christian, a faithful and stalwart member of the Church, and loved by all who knew her was born in Richmond, Wisconsin July 24, 1876. Married June, 1893 to Frank Hill. Came to California in 1928 and settled in San Mateo. She is survived by six children: Margaret McLaflin, San Jose; Ruth Bentley, Belmont; Jean Belbutowski, San Carlos; Dorothy Stewart, Salinas; Grace Hansen, Hayward and James J. Hill, Salinas. Also 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Interment was at the Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Los Altos. Bishop Keith E. Garner, Menlo Park Ward, offered the graveside prayer.

Vignette of Palo Alto High Priest Jesse Farr

Jesse R. Farr, born on New Year's Day in Hunt, Arizona, in 1907, has the unusual distinction of having arrived in this world in a tent. At the age of seventeen he went on a mission to the Southern States where he served for two years.

At the conclusion of this time he returned to school at the B.Y.U. where he successfully escaped matrimony by remaining only one year. Then to Berkeley where he received his A.B. and LLB Degrees from the University of California. While there he was very active in solo, quartette, and glee club music.

In 1936 he married Phylis Durham in the Salt Lake Temple, and they now have two children, Mike and Pat, both of whom are students at the Palo Alto high school. Jesse has for many years been in charge of the legal work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in this area, with offices in San Francisco.

Jess has held practically every position in the Church at the ward level, including a term as bishop of the Berkeley Ward. He is at present serving for the second time on the Palo Alto Stake high council.

He has become quite an avid "do-it-yourself" fan, and claims that most projects cost very little more done by him than if they were contracted for professionally.

-Palo Alto Stake H. P. Quorumette

Palo Alto Stake.

High Councilman Made Manager Package Mf. Co.

Maurice P. Monson of the Palo Alto Stake high council, was born in Ogden, Utah March 6, 1912 eighth of ten children, to Walter P. & Leana Parkinson Monson.

He spent most of his childhood in New York City where his father was president of the Eastern States Mission; attended grade schools in New York and Salt Lake; went to LDS High School and LDS Junior and Business College, where he was student body president.

From 1931-33 he filled a mission to East Central States, laboring most of the time in Virginia and presiding over the Virginia district for 20 months.

Returned from mission in 1933 in time to enter University of Utah in the fall. During school years worked part-time for Salt Lake Milk Producer's Association and later became assitant manager of the organization.

In 1936 "Maury" met and married Olive Elizabeth McTate. They came to the Bay area in 1939 when he took employment with Creamery Package Mfg. Company; became manager of San Francisco Branch in 1942, and Western regional manager in 1953.

Due to death of a sister in 1939, Maury and Elizabeth raised the two youngest who are now away at school. The Monsons have one son, Eric, age six.

Maury has held many positions in the Church and has served on the Palo Alto Stake high council since 1950.

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Local Inter-Stake Broadcast Com. Reports on Past; Future Plans

By Stanley Gibb

DEMONSTRATION OF ARTIFICAL RESPIRATION by the young people of San Mateo I & II Wards under the program of the Relief Societies to emphasize Civil Defense, as told on page six of the November Messenger by Faye Stoker.

In response to your request to make a statement concerning the TV and radio releases of the General Conference, perhaps I should outline briefly the short history covering radio and television presentation of the General Conferences from Salt Lake City in the Northern California.

The matter started, from my point of view, in the summer of 1953 when President Haight asked me to chairman a committee for the Palo Alto Stake, and subsequently for the entire San Francisco Bay region, to make arrangements to bring the October Conference to Northern California by radio.

We met little encouragement from the local broadcasters; suddenly, however, with the assistance of the Church Missionary Committee in Salt Lake, we found we would not only hear the conference by radio, but also be able to view it on television.

First Time On the Air

We were really "On the Air" for the 124th Semi-Annual Conference, Oct. 1953—**the first electronic presentation to Northern California; KGO-TVV carried the first hour and a half to viewers. The radio stations KRON-FM, San Francisco; KSBR-FM, San Bruno, and KEN, San Jose gave us audible proceedings of the morning and afternoon Sunday sessions.**

Since the October 1953 Conference, each and every Sunday morning session of the General Semi-Annual Conference of the Church has been heard via several different broadcasting stations: KLX-FM, Oakland, KECC, Pittsburgh, KSRO, Santa Rosa.

Most gratifying experience was when one of the Television stations contacted us and asked if arrangements could be made for them to carry the 125th Annual Conference (April 1955), which indicated to us that they had received a tremendous response from viewers of the previous Conference broadcasts.

Conditions on Listener Response

All these services are presented by the broadcasters at no expense to the Church, being carried as public service programs. Our people must bear in mind, however, that unless the stations have sufficient assurance that the programs are being seen or heard that they can very easily drop them from their scheduling.

So it is up to all of us to respond with a simple **postal card to any or all the stations, with whatever message we desire to convey to them for their excellent service in carrying the Conference.**

Priesthood Closed Circuit

Just a word about the Saturday evening closed circuit presentation of the Priesthood Meetings of the General Conferences. We might make the 800 mile trip to Salt Lake City to attend conference, and after the long and hard drive, find we are listening to it in some outside building from the Tabernacle, probably no better reception than at our own chapel. Every man holding the Priesthood should make every effort to attend these meetings in his own Stake.

What for the future? We are working on the possibilities of bringing the Saturday meetings to Northern California by radio, and hope that more Televised sessions will be available before too long. I would appeal to everyone to do his or her part to keep thee excellent missionary mediums "on the air" in this part of the Kingdom.

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Palo Alto Stake.

"Building Bridges for Eternity" Tableau With Musical Selections Presented By Stake Fireside

By Gay Taylor

An MIA fireside concluded the Palo Alto Stake conference November 24-25. A large crowd enjoyed musical selections and a tableau on the theme of "Building Bridges for Eternity."

Musical numbers consisted of selections by a string ensemble, conducted by Whitney Greo, and a trumpet quartette arranged and accompanied by Marilyn Goates.

A cast of 40 presented the tableau. As various scenes were enacted, a bridge was built onstage, the stones consisting of principles of the gospel.

As an unexpected treat, Elder George Q. Morris of the Quorum of the Twelve, who was in the audience, consented to offer some well-appreciated remarks at the conclusion of the program.

Palo Alto Stake Calendar

1956

Dec. 6: Stake Genealogy Leadership—8:00 p.m.
Stake M.I.A. Executives—8:00 p.m.

Dec. 8: Stake Priesthood Night—High Priests and Seventies-6:30 p.m.
General Priesthood -7:30 p.m.
Priesthood—Leadership-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 9: Stake Sunday School Board.
Stake Mission Presidency and District Missionaries.

Dec. 10: Stake Ward-Teaching Committee—7:15 p.m.
Stake Music Committee—7:15 p.m.
Stake High Council—8:00 p.m.

Dec. 13: Stake Welfare Committee—8:00 pm.
Stake M.I.A. Board—8:00 p.m.

Dec. 17: Bishop's Council—7:30 p.m.
Bishopric s and Stake Presidency—8:30 p.m.

Dec. 20: Stake Genealogical Board—8:00 p.m.
Stake M.I.A. Leadership—8:00 p.m.

Dec. 23 Stake Sunday School Preparation

Dec. 24: Stake Priesthood Committee—7:30 p.m.
Stake High Council—8:30 p.m.

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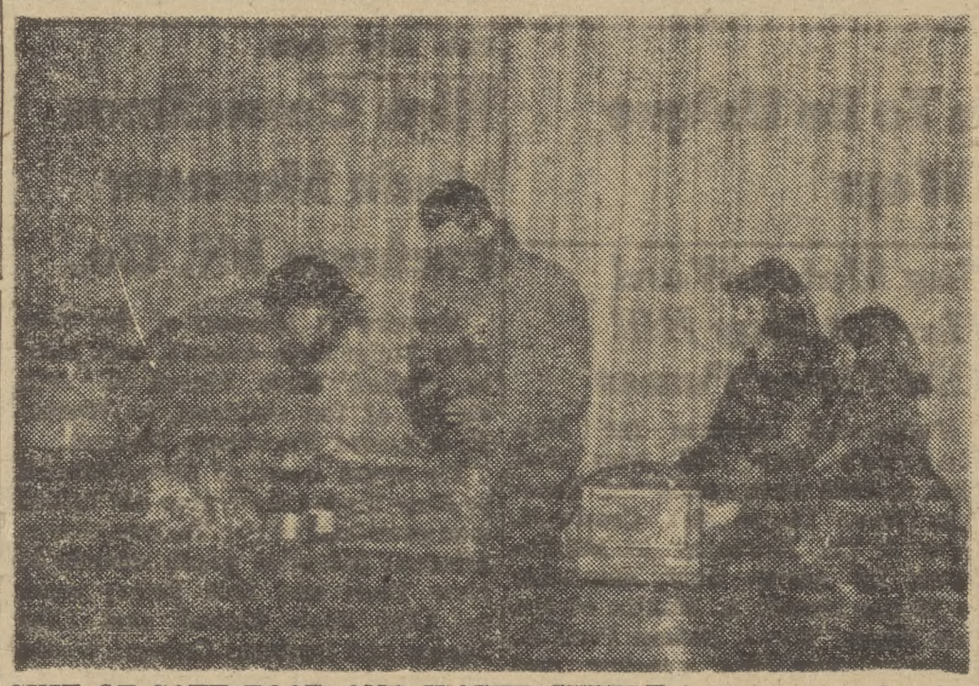
Trousseaux for three. Korla, Elaine and Lo Rane Packer, Redwood City Ward examine yardage goods while their mother, Anna, kneeling, measures them for trousseau dresses. The simultaneous announcement of the bethrothals of the three sisters recently dealt a severe blow to the hopeful men of the Redwood City, California, ward.

—Photo from Gay Taylor.



SKIT OF SAFE FOOD AND WATER SUPPLY in emergency by the Willis T. Eicke family San Mateo as part of the program by the Relief Socities of the two wards to emphasize Civil Defense. For complete report of this six month program see report by Faye Stoker, page six of the November Messenger.

DISASTER DINNER of stew, cole slaw, whole wheat bread, apple sauce and cookies served Sept. 6, to 325 members of San Mateo I and II Wards as part of their 6 months campaign to emphasize Civil Defense as was outlined in full on page 6 of the November Messenger by Faye Stoker.

Redwood City

Man Disillusioned By Life, Religion Then The Truth

by Otto Hopkins

(This touching story of a search for the Holy Spirit, tho long thwarted, at last successful, was passed on to the Messenger by by Samuel W. Taylor, writer of Redwood City Elder Taylor's account stakes that Brother Hopkins, tho again in the hospital, has been ordained an elder, thus fulfilling a prophecy given by Elder Taylor while adminstering to Elder Hopkins).

Since the year 1951 I had been attending various church services and revival meetings. In none of these did I find what I was seeking, the feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit. After about ten years of fruitless searching, I felt the hopelessness of continuing. I drifted, without a church and without a God, and so, without knowing it, I was actually serving the cause of Satan.

I was confronted with this fact late in 1954, when I realized that I had reached a point where I had lost all power for love and affection. Hatred dominated all other fellings, extending even to small children.

Suddenly I faced the appalling realization that I was entirely in Satan's power and unable to break his evil bonds. For the first time in my life I knew utter fear.

In my desperation I did what I should have done forty years earlier. I turned to God in prayer. I asked Him to help me find the right church. I also asked Him to send me sickness, suffering and pain in order to burn all the evil out of my being, this in spite of the fact that I had not been free of pain since 1918, when I was removed from the battle ine in France, and that I had subsequently been classified by the Veterans Administration as permantly and totally disabled.

Response To The Power

Now, as to God's response to my prayer: On January 12, 1955, I entered the hospital at Placerville, California (my 25th hospital since 1918) and, according to unofficial information, was not given a chance to recover. Of the first two weeks in this hospital I can recall nothing. At the end of this period, when I received my first tray of food, the first thing I reached for was that cup of steaming hot coffee.

It was the worst tasting mess I ever had in my mouth; I couldn't swallow it. I asked for a cup of tea. It proved just as bad as the coffee. I complained until another patient told me to quiet down. The coffee and tea were both good, he said—my taste just changed. It had.

I had also used tobacco for fifty-five years, yet the first person who came into the ward with a cigarette had to be taken outside while oxygen was rushed to me to help me breathe.

These things I had not considered when I asked to be cleansed of evil. I had considered only the evils in my heart, the hatred, doubts, bitterness, cynicism and distrust that were there for so long. And so when I found that these, too, had been cleansed from my system, I doubted my own senses and actually feared that some new disease had taken hold. I was afraid to ask the doctor what it was.

Nurse Brings Tracts

So matters stood until the day a waitress told me she would bring me some pamphlets if I would read them. When she brought them, I read them over and over. The one which caused me to know instantly that I was on the right path was the story of a young boy who was also trying to find the right Church, and who asked God for an answer. Yes, it was from Joseph Smith's own story that I found the church that is God's

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W. YATES FARNSWORTH, PATRIARCH OF PALO ALTO STAKE busily at work composing words for a Republican campaign song to the tune of one of his own melodies, the "Victory March." Photo: Gay Taylor.

Palo Alto Stake

Yates Farnsworth Life Story Told: Engineer Athlete Composer Patriarch

by Gay Taylor

Among many other Republicans, some credit seems to be due W. Yates Farnsworth of 349 Third Avenue, Redwood City, at least for trying. Though party leaders were unaware of it, Farnsworth went busily to work early in the campaign on the words of a campaign song to the music of his "Victory March," which he composed in 1945 to celebrate the end of World War II.

At that time, he sent complimentary copies of the song to the President and to forty governors. The White House and fifteen governors acknowledged the gift with thanks. But a complimentary copy sent to the editor of a national magazine was returned with a rejection slip.

The rejection slip and the letters are kept in a prized file. "My hobbies," says Farnsworth, "are writing verse and popular songs, and getting letters from big shots."

Because the song-writing business is a grimly competitive affair, he really hadn't expected the adoption of his "Victory March," as the official song. At the least he hopes to get another letter from a big shot for his file.

By profession, W. Yates Farnsworth is a designing engineer, and he has just received his 20-year pin from the Schlage Lock Company. He spent a number of years designing paper mill machinery, several more designing can-making machines, and a few more with the Best Lock Company of Seattle. During depression he did anything that came handy, including housework, and during the war he put in three years at Dalmo Victor designing radar scanning equipment. If all this adds up to quite a few years, he has them; Farnsworth will be 70 on the 12th of next March.

He is still working on the job at Schlage, and in fact, received an increase in salary the first of the year. He has no intention of retiring, partly because of keen interest in his work and partly from the Mormon tradition, that a man may wear out but not rust out. W. Yates Farnsworth is the patriarch of Palo Alto Stake, which embraces an area from Sunnyvale to South San Francisco containing eleven wards and one branch of the LDS Church with a membership totaling 7,200. As Patriarch, he holds the ranking spiritual office of the stake.

His most recent letter from the White House is dated August 30, 1956, thanking him for a copy of his latest song, "Deep In Your Eyes So Blue," but his most prized letter of all came from the First Presidency of the LDS Church. This, dated June 25, 1943, congratulated him upon receiving a citation from the War Department for his contribution to the war effort in engineering design.

The citation for design of a bomb fuse to save critical materials was the first awarded a civilian in the Pacific States, and the ceremony of its presentation was highly impressive. However, such is fame. Farnsworth didn't make the front pages of his home town paper until three years later, when he was pictured with an enormous peach he had grown in his back yard.

Farnsworth has had time for four careers—engineer, athlete, song writer, and Mormon Church official. He was born in Beaver, Utah, and took his BS. and M.E. degrees at Oregon State, where he was on five college track teams and won ribbons in the board jump, high jump, relay, 40-yard hurdles, shot put, pole vault, and half mile. He held the school indoor pole vault record at 10 feet, at a time when the world record was under 12. In a meet against Oregon, he won first place in the high jump with a leap of five feet six inches. That isn't very impressive now, but techniques are different. In 1908 it was illegal to clear the bar any way except straight up.

When Farnsworth moved to Redwood City in 1935, the nearest Mormon services were held at Palo

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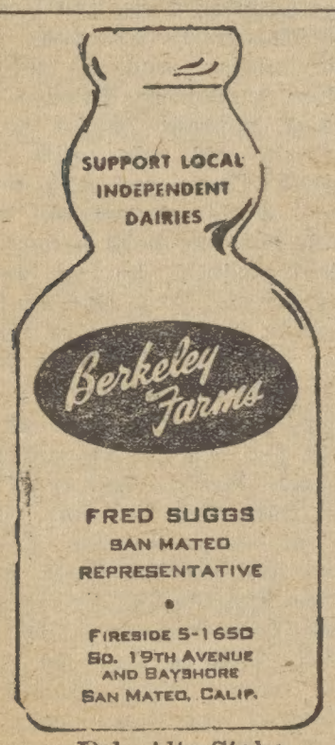


Palo Alto Stake

San Mateo Wards Special Interest Party Success

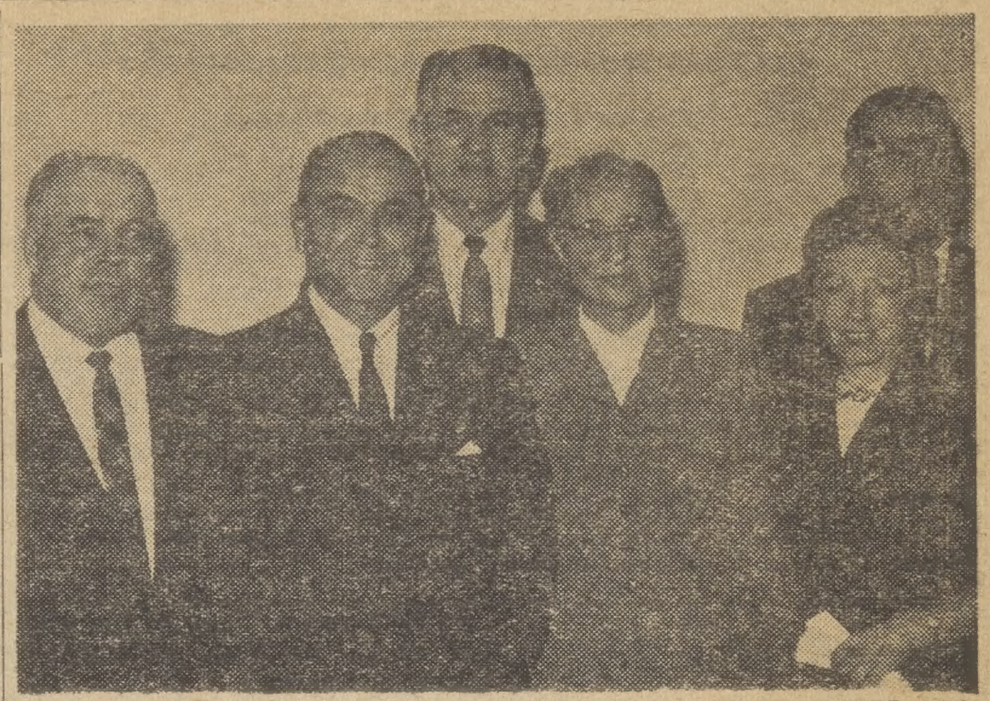
By Stanley S. Gibb

Announced as a "double barreled" hunting party, the Fall Special Interest Activity of the San Mateo Ward on November 3, to which members of the San Mateo Second Ward Group were special guests, was a highly successful evening. A potluck dinner, with a hostess at each table of ten, allowed each table to enjoy its own "party" during the meal. Afterwards all joined in the entertainment and dancing.

More than 150 were present: Mary Smith, Betty Jane Lee, Ida Mesquita, and Flora Kuamoo with songs and dances from their native Hawaii, and an extemporaneous hunting "scene" starring Bishops Frank A. Martin and Worth W. Daniels, Elmo Smith and Bill Stoker. Laura Player, San Mateo Ward Special Interest Group Leader, was mistress of ceremonies. Dancing instruction was led by Paul and Velda Fife.

A varied program for the next several months is outlined by the San Mateo Ward Group: Nov. 7—Symposium on the MIA Theme; Nov. 14—Movie Night: "A Trip to Enchanted Hills" (a sound film on recreation for the blind) and "San Francisco Before the Fire", an authentic film, presented by Mr. George Merton; Dec. 5—Book Review—"Out of My Life and Thoughts" — Albert Schweitzer, given by Alfred Ranch; Dec. 12—"Albert Schweitzer, the World's Greatest Christian" to be discussed pro and con by Bill Stoker and John Hansen; Dec. 19—Ward Christmas Party; Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Dance; Jan. 2, 1957—"Looking over our Shoulder at 1956" by Irene Hammond; Jan. 9—"Doubtful Dollars" presented by Kenneth Peterson.

With this varied program of events, adults in the San Mateo Ward should avail themselves of this opportunity of participating in a valuable season of learning and sociability.



LEADERS OF PALO ALTO STAKE WELFARE COMMITTEE with visiting Authority. Pictured here while attending Palo Alto Stake Conference are Donald D. Davis of the Church Welfare Committee; David B. Haight, Stake Chairman; Richard B. Sonne, Stake Work Director; Ruby M. Dobbins, Stake Relief Society President; Mary Wrathall, Relief Society Work Counselor; and Sidney V. Badger, Stake Employment Counselor.—Photo by Gay Taylor, Redwood City.

Palo Alto Stake.

"Our Church Takes Care of It's Own" But Differently Than By The Dole

By Gay Taylor

Only seven LDS members of Palo Alto Stake received public aid during 1955. For this self-evident testimony to the worth of the Welfare program, the stake was congratulated by Elder Donald D. Davis of the Church Welfare Committee, a visiting Authority to the Stake Conference November 24-25. Our Church is taking care of its own people.

The present plan for pooling job information by priesthood quorums could, he said, furnish sufficient employment to combat the home-shattering necessity of mothers being breadwinners.

The difference between Government doles and Church Welfare help, he said, is that the Church requires people to work for what they get, spiritually as well as materially. All aid requires spiritual progress. And this doesn't mean we pay people to be good. Those receiving aid must be encouraged genuinely to improve their lot, to manage their budget and grow spiritually. Without the spiritual basis, welfare becomes merely a dole.

We have had enough lessons in the past, he said, to show the worth of the food storage program. Even families with small incomes can, by frugal living and small economies, put a little away each month and soon find themselves with a year's supply ahead. It resolves itself to a question, not primarily of finances, but of will and attitude. A supply of just five foods will sustain us in good health for a year: wheat, dried milk, honey, tomato juice, and peanuts or lentils.

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son for coming out of heaven onto earth.

It is necessary that we have evil and temptation. We need it to test us, and to develop the power to overcome it. Let's not pity ourselves, he counseled; we're here to bear adversity. It is necessary for salvation. Let us bear it like men and women.

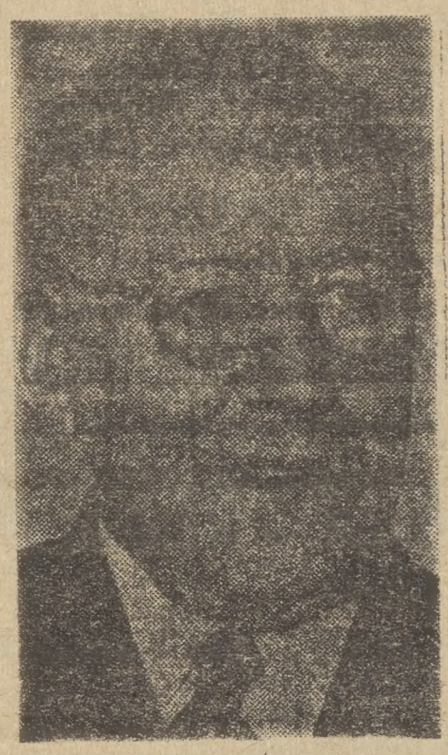
President Haight

Stake President David B. Haight in his address developed the theme of thanksgiving. He recalled the Pilgrims of the Mayflower, who initiated Thanksgiving even though they had so little, and contrasted it to people today who have so much and are ungrateful.

One of the things for which he was most grateful, he said, was that his grandfather was raised upon the shoulders of friends in Connecticut to look over the heads of a jeering mob at Mormon missionaries. When his grandfather was set down, he said soberly, "I think that what they are saying is true."

Sidney V. Badger of the stake presidency spoke of Christmas gifts, and reminded the audience of the gifts the Savior offered us: The gift of humility. The gift of being merciful. The gift of loyalty. The gift of perpetuity of the human family, so our loved ones are not lost in death. And, he said, he had the personal gift of a testimony.

Richard B. Sonne of the stake presidency spoke of witnesses to the gospel. In accepting the Joseph Smith story we don't have to rely upon one man's word alone, he pointed out. Oliver Cowdery was with the Prophet when the priesthood was restored. There were three witnesses to the book of Mormon. Sidney Rigdon was with the Prophet when the heavens opened.



. . . George Q. Morris of the Council of the Twelve.

Other speakers at the conference were Melvin P. Pickering, Bart Christensen, Shirley Sonne and Roger Baymiller.

Word Of Wisdom

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Grant "whose vigor of body and mind at four score and one years is evidence of the benefits derived from compliance with this divinely given code of health."

Author's Preface

The authors' preface designates the Word of Wisdom as "a code of health dealing primarily with human nutrition," and as "a divine revelation in 1833.

Furthermore, the writers announce three objectives of this book.

"First, to make clear the mean-

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How To Encourage Children To Learn Thru Toys, Visits

Probably these Do's and Don'ts apply to the gifted students mostly —those with high IQ's and science interests. But the suggestions could hold across the board for most students since it would put them in touch with what is important in our current world of science.

Hereare the Do's and Don'ts:

1. DO give him scientific and mechanical toys he can put together to see if they work, take apart to see how the work.

DON'T give him scientific toys with cookbook instructions.

2. DO exploit every chance to have him visit or work with good mechanics, druggists, chemists and other scientists to see how they are respected in the community.

DON'T dramatize how much better off blue-collar workers seem to be nowadays.

Scientific Books

3. DO give him books that dramatize the lives and works of great scientists, magazines that report new developments in science and books of the things-a-boy-can-do type.

DON'T give him books that unduly glamorize the life of scientists and produce illusions of grandeur.

4. DO be sympathetic to his how and why questions.

DON'T tolerate a "so what" attitude about anything.

5. DO encourage him do attend nature study courses, engage in experiments with house plants, keep insect and other animal colonies as household pets.

DON'T encourage wholesale collections of natural history specimens he knows nothing about.

6. DO reward him for withstanding discomfort and sticking with a task until it is completed.

DON'T let him run away from or rationalize his failures.

7. DO make sure he learns what libraries are good for.

DON'T pass up museums and science-related expositions when on family vacations.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE MEETING CALENDAR

DEC. 1956:

1 Sat.	7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Service at Stake House.
2 Sun.		Fast Sunday.
	2:30 p.m.	Bishoprics and Stake Presidency.
3 Mon.	10:00 a.m.	Stake Primary Preparation meeting.
	7:00 p.m.	Stake Welfare Committee meeting.
6 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Stake Melchizedek Pr. Committee and Sr. Aaronic Pr. Comm.
	8:00 p.m.	Stake Presidency & High Council.
10 Mon.	5:30 p.m.	Stake Presidency meeting.
16 Sun.	2:30 p.m.	Stake & Ward Welfare Committees meeting.
17 Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Stake Presidency & Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee.
	7:45 p.m.	MONTHLY STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING
20 Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee meeting.
	7:45 p.m.	Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency & High Council.
23 Sun.		High Council Visits to all Wards.
	11:00 a.m.	Stake Presidency meeting.
	2:30 p.m.	Stake Sunday School Monthly Prep'n. meeting.
30 Sun.	11:00 a.m.	Stake Presidency meeting.

Inter-Stake

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present at the unveiling of the heroic-size statue of "Eliza R. Snow, Leader of Pioneer Women". The larger-than-life statue is the work of Ortho R. Fairbanks and was presented to the DUP by the Nicholas G. Morgan Foundation.

The Oakland-Berkeley Stake presidency and many bishops and other officers of the stake and wards attended the October General Conference. Many of the wives of these brethren accompanied their husbands.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Allen visited Bro. Allen's family in Idaho recently . . . Thurza Boyle flew to Conference also and met her daughter, Ruth Lundquist from St. George . . . Flora- Monahan also was at the Conference and explored there again the city of her birth.

A bridal shower was held at the home of Mrs. Arden Allen for Carol Wright who will soon say nuptial vows.

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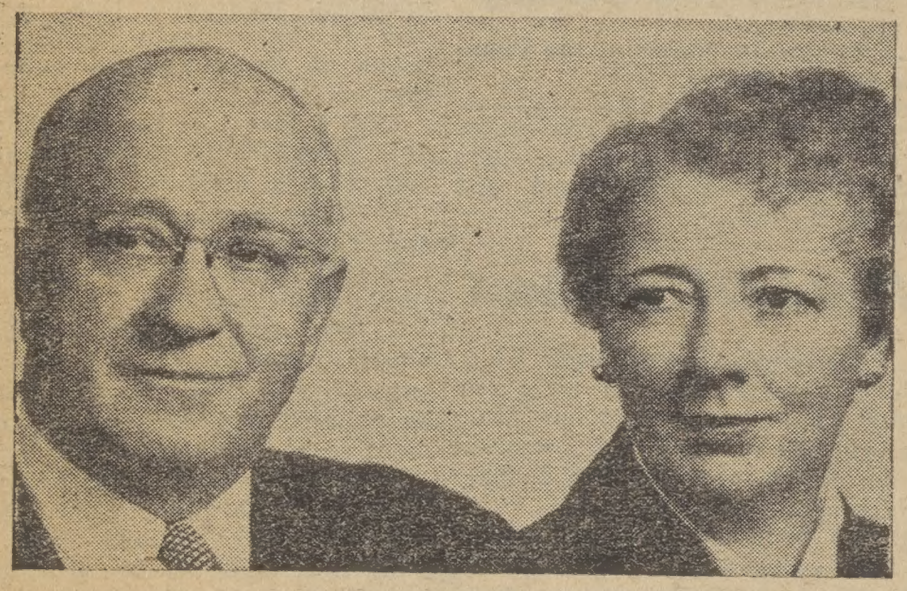

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Mission Ward.

Morris Parker Will Soon Return From Mission

By Mabel Liddell

Morris Parker has recently been released after serving two and one-half years in the Spanish-American mission headquarters at San Antonio, Texas, the last six months as counselor to President Bowman. In this capacity he was privileged to travel extensively in the southwest. Morris is now attending Brigham Young University where he has been called to serve in the bishopric of his ward.

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Kendall Baker, our only missionary now serving in a foreign field has recently been transferred to Curitiva, Brazil and is now serving with a native Brazilian companion, and enjoying his association very much. The people in Curitive are very friendly and there were about 150 in attendance at their last Conference there. Kendall's address is Elder Charles Baker, Caixa Postal 778, Curitiva Station, Parana, Brazil.

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Several young boys were honored at our sacrament meeting Sunday evening November 18th. Mark Liddell, a deacon, received a 100 per cent pin for having perfect attendance at priesthood and sacrament meetings for one year, being the first deacon to so qualify. Primary graduation exercises were held for Larry Lollor, Cary Cope and Donald White; they were accepted into the MIA.

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Sister Venna Smith, president of the Primary reports that four new teachers have been sustained in her group. They are Audrey Pomroy, Janie Hilder, Joyce Heder and Betty Ruefenacht. The Relief Society President, Sister Zina Baker also reports a new staff of class leaders. They are theology, Patricia Tanner; literature, Joy Hulme; social science, Mae Hunter; visiting teachers message, Ida Bigelow; home management; Mire Baker; magazine, Ethal Titus; organist, Barbara Reeves; chorister, Nade Fluckiger.

Sunset Ward

New Members Add To "Ward Spirit"

By Oreti E. Aaron

Sunset Ward is again happy to recognize many who have moved into our midst or who have recently affiliated themselves with the Church. Included the fine young students, who bless with their zest, enthusiasm, and ability.

We are proud to congratulate newly baptized members, Ann Forbyn, as swell as two adults, Marguerite Brown and Erlene Butler. Both together with Edith Niles have responsible positions in the Primary.

Plans are made for two Christmas programs in which Primary will take an active part: The annual ward Christmas party, December 21st with its- "Christmas Cards in Tableau"; and a lovely presentation, of the "Story of Christ's Birth" on Sunday morning, December 23.

Successful parents' programs have been held by the Rainbow and Top Pilot Classes. The achievements and conduct of these children did credit to their leaders, Helen Larsen, Alice Brown, and Irene Butler.

Combined with the annual Primary officers and teachers social, held at the home of Claire Engel, was a surprise baby shower for counselor, Marjorie Mayfield.

A musical evening was enjoyed recently at the home of Brother and Sister Kennelly by the Senior Members and their partners.

Congratulations to Ralph and Sandra Johnson whose little son, Gregg Stuart, was blessed earlier this month.

Plans Made For Bay Area Stakes Regular Attendance Schedule At The Los Angeles Temple

President Lauper recently traveled to a meeting in the Los Angeles Temple where he represented the stakes in the Bay area. Plans were discussed for a more complete use of temple facilities, and a regular schedule of attendance. An interesting feature of the meeting was that each representative was given one minute to express himself, and the 23 official representatives did this in a total of 34 minutes. Plans are being made for regular excursions to the Temple.

Stake Family Night was November 19 in San Francisco. All of the ward and stake officers and teachers, about 600, met to review the gains of the past year and set goals for the new one. Speakers were members of the stake presidency and the stake clerk. Music was furnished by the Sunset Ward choir. A social hour followed, the refreshments being fresh fruits, piled on three large, beautifully decorated tables, the work of the stake Relief Society.

President and Sister Wallace Allred have moved to a delightful new home in the San Rafael area. In November they became grandparents of their first granddaughter and third grandchild. Beverly Wheelwright of San Jose is the new mother. President Allred was recently called upon to offer the invocation at the huge Scouters dinner given in the Cow Palace at the request of professional Scouter, Clyde V. Pearson. This is the first time it has been done by a member of the Mormon Church. 3400 people who give their time to Scouting were in attendance.

Relief Society

Ann Burgess, of San Rafael Ward, has been called to the Relief Society stake board as leader of the literary lessons. On November 29 at the Winter home, the R. S. stake board will honor Jacketta M. Quealy at a luncheon. Several former members will be present on this occasion. Sister Quealy was recently released from the board.

Stake Sunday School Supt. G. Wesley Tolley announces two new members on his board: Melita Coombs of San Rafael, librarian, an artist of considerable talent, having done many portraits, and Dean Robinson of Balboa 2nd, advisor of Course 16, Gospel Message.

Superintendent Tolley is proud of the record made in putting the Instructor into homes of this stake. San Francisco stands very near the head of the list, 95%.

Primary Leads

Congratulations to the Primary workers of the wards, the stake board and to their fine leader, Gerda Greene. At the recent Primary Convention 85% of the ward workers were present and 100% of the stake workers. This record is really nothing new to the board. Month after month at the stake auxiliary leadership meeting, Sister Greene reports "17 enrolled, 17 present". These wonderful women whose motto given at the just-passed convention is "Be Thou Humble", feel the need of the spiritual and practical help of these meetings. They set an enviable record for all organizations. Altho a great deal is expected of any woman accepting a call to the board, they all live by the teaching in the Book of Mormon: The Lord never gives us work to do unless He also makes a way for us to do it.

Gay Harvest Ball

The MIA chief social event of the Thanksgiving season was the Harvest Ball. Held November 23 in the stake house, it was a gay affair. In the center of the hall a small enclosure held a harvest scene, and thru the thousands of autumn leaves that drifted from the ceiling a large silvery harvest moon shone. Hot spiced cider was served, with nuts and mints. Bernie Salins orchestra played.

The enchanting little French shops and the glittering Eiffel tower which decorated the stage for the Fashion Show in October were the work of those talented sisters, Nettie Clark and Margie Wilson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Lehner.

Many stake officers attended the conference held at the Chinese Branch on November 11. Dr. Milton H. Brinton, the branch president made a most interesting report. Solid gains have been made since this organization was effected. All the of music was performed by Chinese members. Both opening and closing prayers, and one at the Sacrament table were offered by Chinese. The hall in which meetings are held has been redecorated making a pleasant place in which to meet. Much credit is due those fine people who, led by Dr. Brinton, work to build up this part of the Kingdom.

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A coming marriage of more than usual interest is that of Sheila Peterson of Mission Ward and Larry Oxborrow of Nevada.

Sheila who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Peterson, was graduated from San Francisco State University last year with a music major and a secondary teachers credential. Talented as an organist, soprano soloist and director, she did solos with the A Cappella Choir and the womens chorus while at school. In the church she has held nearly every musical position, having been organist for the MIA., Sunday School and choir, and director of the MIA music and the choir. At present she is stake MIA organist.

Larry and Sheila met while he was in the Navy, stationed at the Oakland Naval Supply Center. Since that time he has filled a tour of duty in the Hawaiian Islands and the Far East. At present he is attending school at the University of Nevada in Reno. The wedding will be held in Mission Ward some time during the Christmas vacation period and then the young couple will make their home in Reno.

Sunset Ward.

Genealogy Class Finds Ancestors Thru Newspapers

Many of the members of the Mission Ward city-wide genealogical class, have been fortunate in finding their pioneer ancestors through the newspaper offices in the United States and foreign countries. The splendid response by the Librarian Service of the large publishing companies has also been phenonmenal. Again the Stumbling Block column of the Messenger, has been the vehicle for moving sofe generations of ancestors.

Dr. Walter Burleson, 1268a Ruckman Ave., Presidio of S. F. has received data on Irvin lines, from New York Times, Canadian papers, and will exchange for New York families. Sr. Burleson, Stephen Hopkins descendant, and family of Humphrey Johnson and Elizabeth Cheney. Mehetible, dau. background desired.

Sr. DuClair Larkin Street, S.F. needs later data on Pierre DuClair, circa 1876. Offers extracts from S.F. 1880 census.

Sr. Macel Jones, 1107 Diamond St., S.F. will exchange data on DeWiee family of Tazewell, Va., anxious for parentage of Earah Warren, family early settlers to Georgia.

Sr. Belva Sullivan, 46 Rotteck St., S.F. extensive news clippings from Perry County, Ind., wants Terry and Belcher Rev. ancestors. Also Winne family from Va.

Br. Fred Hatt, 2510 Bancroft Way, Berkeley wants follow up

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Social Calendar-Five Stakes

OAKLAND-BERKELEY STAKE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Dec. 1956			Time
8	Sat.	Stake Young People's Saturday Nite Dance Claremont Chapel	
11	Tues.	Stake MIA Boards' Christmas Party Place to be announced	
15	Sat.	Stake Young People's Sat. Nite Dance Claremont Chapel	
18	Tues.	Ward Christmas Parties each ward rec. hall	7:30 p.m.
19	Wed.	Ward Christmas Parties each ward rec. hall	7:30 p.m.
22	Sat.	Stake Young People's Sat. Nite Dance Claremont Chapel	
25	Tues.	M Men-Gleaners Christmas Party Claremont Chapel	9:00 p.m.
29	Sat.	Stake Young People's Sat. Nite Dance Claremont Chapel	
30	Sun.	Handel's Oratorio Messiah, 150 Voices, Orchestra and Voice Choir—time and place to be announced	
31	Mon.	M Men-Gleaners Watch Party and Dance Oak 4th	9:00 p.m.
31	Mon.	Special Interest Watch Party and Dance—place to be announced	9:00 p.m.

HAYWARD STAKE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Dec. 1956				Time
8	Sat.	Saturday Nite Dance	Centerville Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
11	Tues.	MIA Maids, Explorers Stake Evening	Centerville Rec. Hall	7:30 p.m.
15	Sat.	Saturday Nite Dance	Centerville Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
16	Sun.	M Men and Gleaners Fireside	Hayward Chapel	8:30 p.m.
22	Sat.	Saturday Nite Dance	Centerville Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
29	Sat.	Saturday Nite Dance	Centerville Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
31	Mon.	New Year Eve Watch Parties		
		Young People	Hayward Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
		Special Interest Group	Centerville Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 1957				
5	Sat.	Saturday Nite Dance	Centerville Rec. Hall	9:00 p.m.
8	Tues.	MIA Maid & Explorer Dance Your Way to Fun	place to be announced	

PALO ALTO SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1956

Dec. 1: Youth Executives Board (YEB) Dance—at San Bruno-Burlingame chapel and Sunnyvale-Los Altos chapel.

Dec. 8: Y.E.B. Dance—at San Carlos-Redwood City Wards chapel.

Dec. 15: Y.E.B. Dance—at San Mateo Wards chapel and Palo Alto Wards chapel.

Dec. 22: Y.E.B. Dance at Menlo Park Chapel.

Dec. 27: Stake Beehive-Scout Holiday Party.

Dec. 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE held in each ward chapel in the stake.

WALNUT CREEK STAKE SOCIAL CALENDAR

Dec. 1956				Time
1	Sat.	Stake Speech Festival	W. C. Chapel	7:30 p.m.
1	Sat.	Stake Teen-Age Dance	W. C. Chapel	8:30 p.m.
8	Sat.	Camp Reunion	Concord Chapel	2:30 p.m.
8	Sat.	Teen-Age Dance	Concord Chapel	8:30 p.m.
15	Sat.	Teen-Age Dance	W. C. Chapel	8:30 p.m.
22	Sat.	Teen-Age Dance	W. C. Chapel	8:30 p.m.
29	Sat.	Teen-Age Dance	W. C. Chapel	8:30 p.m.
31	Mon.	New Years Dances M Men-Gleaner Girls Three-Stakes—Oakland 4th Ward Chapel, 4705 Virginia St., East Oakland (Drive on MacArthur to High, So. on High to Virginia left on Virginia ½ mile to chapel on right		9:15 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE SOCIAL CALENDAR

DEC.		SOCIAL EVENTS:
15 Sat.	9:00 p.m.	Saturday Night Dance.
31 Mon.	9:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Ball—semi formal.

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Wedding Bells

Martinez Ward. Donna Brooks ment of Joy Carol Bradeen to Kent Hitchock of Buhl, Idaho, was recently announced by her parents. The wedding will take place June 24 in the Los Angeles temple. Joy and Kent attended the BYU.

At present, Joy is working as a secretary for Time, Inc., in Chicago and Kent is doing graduate work in Northwestern Dental School in Chicago. They will make their home in Chicago.

Martinez Ward. Donna Brooks has chosen December 1 for her marriage to Richard Frew which will take place in the Martinez ward chapel. Donna attended the Highland school of nursing in Oakland. Richard attended East Contra Costa Junior College and spent four years in the U. S. Marine corps.

Oakland. The Eva Schleich and Donald Lee Cockran wedding reception will be held December 14, 8-10 p.m. at 5141 Golden Gate Ave., Oakland. The wedding will occur in the Salt Lake Temple Dec. 12.

Alameda. Married Thanksgiving Day, George A. Collins, administrator of the Alameda Hospital, to Mrs. A. S. Major. The ceremony was performed by Pres. Elmo R. Smith. The couple and their children will reside at 981 Pearl Street, Alameda.

Claremont. A son was born to Belva and James Jay Tschudy in the family automobile in Berkeley October 27.

Births

San Lorenzo: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bigler are the proud parents of a new boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson B. Middleton are the proud parents of a girl born during the past month.

San Leandro: Allen and Olga Barker are the proud parents of a son, their first, Chris Allen, born Sept. 20.

Balboa Ward. Mr. and Mrs. David H. Simister of 711 Chestnut St., announce the birth of a baby boy, David Gregory. The infant arrived in the Valley Forge Army Hospital on August 30. David H, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Simister of Balboa Ward sends greetings to all friends from his army base.

Claremont Ward.

Baby Born In Auto In Berkeley

James Jay Tschudy, Claremont Ward and his wife Belva, are the proud parents of a son who came to them by special automobile delivery.

Baby Raymond Von was so insistent on his entry into the world right now that the young person was delivered by his father in the back seat of the family car at the corner of Blake and Dana Streets, Berkeley.

Thus it is truly said; Baby Ray's birth was strictly a family affair.

Comparative Reports For Oct. 1956

Report Items	Hayward Stake	San. Fran. Stake	Walnut Creek Stake	Oakland-Berkeley Stake	Palo Alto Stake
No. Active Missionaries	42	29	49	42	62
Times Out	568	109	598	334	453
Av. Times Out Per Miss'ary	13.5	3.7	12.2	8.0	7.3
Hours Spent	1089	273	1042	607.5	918.7
Av. Hours Per Miss'ary	25.9	9.4	21.2	14.4	14.8
Cottage Meetings	210	47	124	94	168.5
Av. Cott. Meet. Per Miss'ary	5	1.6	2.5	2.2	2.72
Convert Baptisms	4	3	11	4	11
Hours Spent Per Convert	272	91	25	151.9	83.5
Con. Baptisms Per Miss'ary	.095	.103	.224	.095	.177

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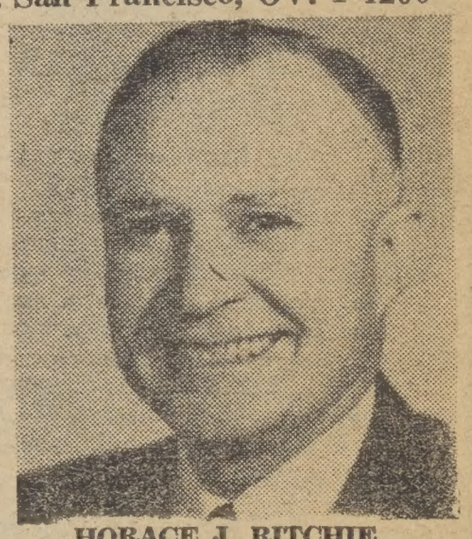

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Editorial

The world is better for her life. Painters, poets, and musicians have been inspired to paint, write and compose lofty works of art based upon Mary's life story—her part in the world's loftiest of all divine dramas.

What glimpses do we get of her worthiness for this high calling?

First, we learn of Mary's worthiness in the words spoken by the angel Gaoriel when he first visited her and said:

"Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women".

The angel then added words of assurance to the surprised young woman, "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God".

From this divinely spoken attestation of the maiden's sweet fitness for her exalted role we may be sure that her daily life had been exemplary in the best sense. No doubt Mary had been a devout worshipper in the Temple on Irsael's holy days, and also at the synagogues each Sabbath.

No doubt she prayed with all her soul for the deliverance of Israel from the cruel Roman oppresion, tho sensing perhaps little that thru her should come the divine Deliverer, not only of Israel, but of the whole world from all its tyrants in the end.

Second. We note the humble acceptance of the mission that had come to her.

"Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word".

Do we not feel that Mary, even as a young girl, had ever humbly accepted proper calls of those in authority over her, be it parents or church leaders?

Third. We discern that pure and holy meditations occupied Mary's mind to the extent that the Holy Ghost spoke eloquently the words that have come to be known as the "Magnificat" as she entered the home of Elizabeth, who even then was bearing in her womb him who was to become John the Baptist. Mary exclaimed in reply to Elizabeth's greeting:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

"For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

"For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

"He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

"He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.

"He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

"He hath helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy; as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever."

Too Loud Conversation Not Intentional But Still Not Felt To Be Reverential

President David O. McKay's appeal to the Latter-day Saints to become more reverential-conscious was the topic recently of remarks by High Councilman Dennis L. Lauper of Oakland 4th Ward at one of the wards in Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

The large audience received the speaker's kindly admonition with evident humble approval.

However, the reverential consciousness of the Latter-day Saints audiences seems to fall away rapidly after each service. This however is not intentional. Yet one needs only to sit quietly for a few minutes after a Sacrament or Sunday School service dismissal by prayer to note the promptly rising tide of many voices as the audience begins to converse as they disperse.

At the meeting referred to above at which Elder Lauper had counseled a more quiet attitude of reverence in the chapel, one of our Saints was visiting in that ward. That person reported that seldom had one heard more loud-pitched conversation by the members in our chapels as they greeted one another immediately after dismissal of this meeting and chatted amiably with fellow members on their way to the exits.

And yet each one of those Saints, no doubt, had a desire in his or her heart to try to conform to Pres. McKay's counsel regarding more reverence in our chapels.

Apparently old habits are not easily broken nor are new habits formed quickly by a mere mental assent, or by a simple, kindly request from the pulpit.

Each one of us seems to have an individual problem TO MAKE OURSELVES remember the admonition of Pres. McKay.

Thank You, Midge

by Samuel W. Taylor

(The author, a grandson of Church President John Taylor, is a writer by profession, now residing in Redwood City, Palo AltO Stake.

Dearest Midge,

Though you've been gone more than a year, the house is still empty. It is quiet with a silence that yells of your absence In every room are things that were yours and mine. The big things and the little things. From the overstuffed set to the piano key with the ivory missing; the book ends you got for my birthday and the floor furnace where you burned your toe; everything reminding me of you and the years we had together.

That I have, and Pete can't take it from me. For I had you in your best years, darling. He'll never have the memories that I have. He'll never really know you as I do, nor love you the same.

I don't want to get sticky about this. It had to happen. I knew when I carried you in my arms across the threshold that someday you would leave me for another man. I knew you'd outgrow me. That made me treasure our years together, while you were mine, and while I was the most wonderful man in the world to you.

You didn't begin to see through me for quite a while, for I was older, and pretended to be much wiser. Though you did get your own way, even then. You charmed all my will away. I spoiled you thoroughly.

Then, almost imperceptibly, you began to rebel. One by one you lost your illusions about me. And as you drew away I tried to stay close. With desperation I became a little ridiculous; instead of trying to make you conform to my interests, I attempted to follow yours. And I remember the time you said sharply, "Act your age!" That was the trouble. We were of different generations.

And then there were other men. I felt like choking the first one. Now I knew your time with me was drawing to a close, and I pretended a lofty indifference. But don't think I wasn't jealous. A hand closed inside me every time you went out the door of an evening, and stayed tight until you were back again. However softly you returned, I heard you.

And then came the day when Pete took you away. From that day to this, the house has been empty without you. I came to accept it, as part of life, but not like it.

And then this morning, honey—this wonderful December morning!—you had a baby. A boy. And you know, don't you, Midge, on this first day as he lies in your arms, that there will come a day when he will leave for another woman. And that's why I'm writing you this note, just to say that from that day you'll start looking back, until a grandchild is born, and then you'll look forward.

Thanks for a most wonderful Christmas present!

Lovingly,
Dad.

My Testimony

by Mabel B. Liddell

John Reeves, admirable, energetic scoutmaster of troop 107, Mission Ward in San Francisco Stake, has a deep conviction of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While he was serving with the United States Navy, stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, he was privileged to serve the Church in a number of capacities. During this tour of duty he remembers one particularly significant experience in the growth of his testimony:

" Our Priesthood advisor in Hawaii had encouraged us in our various duties by stating that if we wer called to a position, and we did everything possible in that capacity, then felt we had fallen short—we should go before the Lord in humble prayer and He would grant us the necessary aid.

This asurance came to my mind very clearly in a moment of urgent need. I had been called to direct a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Mikado' for our MIA. We had rehearsed for several weeks and things were getting into shape nicely. The principal roles were chiefly carried by our service personnel who were of necessity temporary in residence. Just two weeks prior to production, the young man who played the leading part came to me before rehearsal with the crushing news that he had been transferred to Okinowa. His part was particularly heavy and we had no understudy for him.

I had a few moments before rehearsal so I went into our bishop's office to kneel in humble prayer about our critical need. In response to this request, the name of one particular man came into my mind. I had heard him sing only once and that had been in a duet arrangement, but following this prompting, which I felt to be divinely inspired, I went to the brother with the request that he sing the leading role in our operetta with but two weeks remaining for him to memorize and practice the entire part.

He was fully equal to the emergency. Even though he was extremely busy in his daily work, (he was attenmpting to start a new business in the area) he accepted the call. His wife, who also had a part in the musical assisted him greatly. They came direct to rehearsals from their work, not even taking time to go home. The last week we rehearsed every night.

Our operetta opened as scheduled and was a huge success. Our leading man sang fully as well or better than the original lead and all with the short preparation of two weeks.

This experience has become a cherished memory to me and because of it, these words of Nephi, found in the Book of Mormon, have a very special meaning: "I know that the Lord giveth no commandment unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them to accomplish the thing which he commandeth them."

Yates Farnsworth

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Alto, and he used to walk to church and back. Tiring of that, he was glad to be asked to organize the five Mormon families of Redwood City into a branch of the Palo Alto Ward, with himself as branch president.

Meetings were held at first in private homes, then as the LDS population grew, Forester's Hall was obtained for Sunday services. In 1941, the Redwood City branch became a full-fledged ward, with W. Yates Farnsworth its first bishop. Soon afterwards, they were burned out of Forester's Hall and purchased Liberty Hall, a rather decrepit structure at Middlefield and Third Avenue. By 1956, when they dedicated their new, $230,000 chapel on Edgewood Road, the population had grown to the point where it was divided into two wards, Redwood City and San Carlos.

Farnsworth was bishop three years. He subsequently became stake mission president, and, on September, 14, 1952, patriarch.

None of his songs have been commercial successes—in fact, he has published only three of them, because it has been at his own expense. But they are played at Schlage company socials, and are popular at the Balconades, a dance hall at San Jose featuring old-time melodies. If the Republicans had happened to use his "Victory March" as a campaign song he would at last have had a hit, though, ironically,he would neither have made a profit nor have been able to hear it. Farnsworth wears a hearing aid—"great for tuning in crying babies, automobile horns, milk wagons and mechanical noise."

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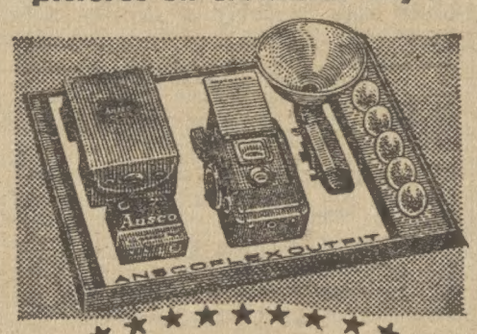

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Second Counselor At LDS Institute Leaves On Mission

Noel Edward Stevenson, 20, of Arden Ward, Sacramento, and for the last two years a student at the University of California and also at the LDS Institute in Berkeley will leave in January for the Brazilian Mission.

At the Institute Noel served last year as counselor in the branch presidency. While at the University he studied Portugese so that he is able to understand and to write the language of Brazil.

Born in the Church, he has ever been active in its affairs, serving in his ward at present as Sunday School and as Elder's quorum teacher and also as ward teacher.

Elder Stevenson's farewell party will be held probably on Sunday evening January 6, in the Arden Ward chapel, Sacramento.

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Oakland-Berkeley.

200 High Priests and Wives Hear Dr. Hogue on Mormon Settlements Of San Barnardino

The annual Oakland-Berkeley Stake high priests dinner-social, held in the spacious new Oakland Fourth Ward recreation hall, was truly a feast of "fat things" not only for the physical but for the mental and spiritual man. So said the more than 200 diners, high priests and their wives who filled almost to capacity the large view-recreation hall Saturday evening November 3, 1956.

Presided over by Pres. Don C. Wood and conducted by party chairman LeRoi B Gardner, the affair was addressed by Dr. Harland E. Hogue of the Berkeley Pacific School of Religion on "The Background of the Latter-day Saint Sojourn in San Bernardino."

The material presented by Professor Hogue is one chapter of the doctoral thesis he presented for the PhD degree some years ago, the thesis topic being "The Ecclesiastical History of California"

Gifted and experienced as a pleasing public speaker, the doctor spoke with fluency and mastery of subject matter of western Mormon history.

Connecting Mormon Battalion events with the settlement of San Bernardino, was the offer of Isaac Williams made to Capt. Jefferson Hunt of the Battalion to sell the vast ranch holdings in the Ponoma Valley to the Mormons, and the prompt communication of this offer to the Church leaders in Salt Lake City by the caption. The result was that a colony was recruited by President Young which journeyed to Southern California and established a Mormon outpost at San Bernardino on the Lugo Ranch instead of on the Ponoma Valley ranch of Isaac Williams who had refused to sell when the colony came to consummate the sale. C. C. Rich and later Amasa Lyman were the LDS leaders of the colonizing saints

This settlement was declared by Dr. Hogue to have been a statesman-like move by the Latter-day Saint leaders, it being part of a wide-flung plan to provide a way for immigrants going to Utah to reach the Salt Lake Valley overland from the Pacific after sailing from Europe and crossing the isthmus of Panama and sailing up the coast to California. San Bernardino was to maintain a corridor over which the saints could move eastward to Utah.

The great burden of 2½ per cent per month interest compounded monthly, imposed on the struggling colony by the Lugo Ranch was sympathetically portrayed, as was the journey of C. C. Rich to the San Francisco area to secure the $25,000 down payment from the scattered saints there.

Road to Timber

The lecturer depicted the gigantic efforts that succeeded eventually in opening a road to the top of neighboring timbered mountains where a saw mill was installed. This supplied not only the saints themselves with timber needed for homes and public structures but sufficient for selling to near-by settlements, thus raising the needed money to pay on the above-mentioned indebtedness.

The first harvest festival in the young colony which was held in September, 1852 was in the nature of a fair and a thanksgiving feast in gratitude to God for ample crops. Displayed were corn stakes nine feet tall, 4½ pound cabbages and other examples of the fertility of the soil when proper labor and water had been provided. Amasa Lyman gave a fervent prayer, and this was followed by a lively community dance.

Dr. Hogue pictured the lawlessness and general depravity which prevailed in the then squalid little town of Los Angeles (better named by some at the time as Los Diablos), and in the surrounding settlements. He said that in all this ocean of wickedness the Saints in San Bernardino stood out as an island of righteousness in a corrupt world.

Yet despite the industriousness and piety of the Saints, tragedy struck. The Lugo family turned against the saints for no reason but the spirit of jealousy and perhaps bigotry. Other factors of affliction were the excessive burden of debt for their lands, and also the sad state of apostacy that raised its head.

Sectional Bitterness

And as tho this was not enough, everywhere at the time was the bitterness between the northern and the southern states over negro slavery. All this was stirring up strife throughout the nation wherever the two elements met.

Added to all this came the drought of the year 1855 in Utah which affected many in the San Barnardino colony who wished to aid their people.

Finally serious trouble arose in Utah which culminated in the sending of "Johnson's army" to Utah, and the order from Pres. Young that all outlying settlements like San Barnardino were to sell out and immediately return to add their strength to the Utah saints in defense of their homes.

Brave Farewell

The brave farewell addresses of Presidents Rich and Lyman in 1857 and the unashamed weeping of the saints as with heavy hearts they bade them goodbye were read by Dr. Hogue.

Then followed financial tragedies. By Decemebr 1857 half had left for Utah after selling their lands and homes for as low as 30 per cent of their value, and then turning this small return to pay off the last $6000 to the Lugo family.

Strangers moved into the deserted city; some apostates and weak saints had left for Utah after sell- churches closed, saloons and gambling joints opened. When the judge referred to above again visited San Barnardino he wrote how saddening it was to see the sorry change in the former happy community.

No Latter-day Saint services were held in San Barnardino between 1857 and 1916. Dr. Hogue said that the tragedy of San Barnardino seemed to him to exceed the tragedy of the Shakespearean type, because its tragedy and its heroism reminded him more of the tragedy of the cross. Through it all no circumstances were allowed to stand between the saints and their God.

THE NEW OAKLAND FOURTH WARD BISHOPRIC, Oakland-Berkeley Stake is: (seated, left to right) James C. Nackos, first counselor; Bishop Leland H. Wright, Sr.; Grant Hawkins, second counselor; Robert Wesley McAllister, ward clerk, Lloyd J. Webb, financial clerk; and Thaddeous Aflect, assistant ward clerk.
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Dec. 1956			Time
6	Thurs.	Stake MIA Boards' Joint Meeting Berkeley Chapel	7:30 p.m.
7	Fri.	Cub Pack 95 Monthly Meeting Claremont Chapel	7:30 p.m.
8	Sat.	High Priest's Quorum Berkeley Chapel	7:00 p.m.
8	Sat.	General Priesthood Berkeley Chapel	8:00 p.m.
8	Sat.	Stake Welfare Berkeley Chapel	9:15 p.m.
27	Thurs.	Stake MIA Joint Executive Comm. Berk. Chapel	7:30 p.m.
27	Thurs.	Stake Aaronic Priesthood Kick-off Berk. Chapel	7:30 p.m.

Oakland Fourth.

Leland H. Wright Sustained As Bishop Succeeding Bishop Curtis R. Bybee

Leland H. Wright, a counselor in the Oakland Fourth Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for the past six and one-half years, was sustained by the members in their Fast and Sacrament meeting Sunday, November 4, as new bishop of the 800-member congregation.

He succeeds Curtis R. Bybee who has served as bishop since early 1950 and under whose direction the new $250,000 chapel at 4705 Virginia was completed. Bishop Bybee has been appointed as an alternate member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake high council.

Conducting the change in bishoprics was Elmo R. Smith, first counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley stake presidency.

Also released, along with Bishop Bybee, with a deep expression of appreciation, was John W. Nelson, ward clerk.

Counselors to Bishop Wright will be James C. Nackos, formeriy second counselor for five years and Grant Hawkins, formerly district mission president. Grant previously served in the ward bishopric.

Retained in their positions were J Lloyd Webb, financial clerk and Thaddeus Affleck, assistant ward clerk.

Oakland Second

Bazaar To Offer Xmas Gifts, Fun Friday, Dec. 7

By Joanne White

For Christmas shopping be sure to see the ward bazaar featuring many lovely hand-made aprons, pillow cases, dish towels, quilts, stuffed toys, Christmas cards, bakery goods, and also a white elephant booth December 7 at 6 p.m.

Once again our chapel has had its face lifted. The past month saw the painting of the outside completed, thanks to all who helped.

Again we note the departure of some of our members with a feeling of loss. Dale and Helen Cram have moved to Hayward Manor. Dick and Marian McDonald have moved to Palma Ceia Village. We will surely miss them but are happy to see them settled in their own homes.

Congratulations to Richard McDonald in his being called to the high council.

We have a new Primary presidency consisting of Lucille Gore, president; Pearl Morris, first counselor; Kola James, second counselor.

Odis Webb is the new activity counselor in the YMMIA.

Yates Farnsworth

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he says, "but no good for music."

Like all saints of high office, Farnsworth has access to the LDS temples, which are open only to the faithful. It is perhaps fortunate that no attempt is made to keep him out, for two of the temples, Idaho Falls and Los Angeles, are guarded by locks designed by W. Yates Farnsworth.

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Alameda Ward.

Two Pair Wings In Local Family

By Amelia Everett

Karin Multz became a stewardess on Pan American Air Lines the past month. She flew home from Australia to spend Thanksgiving and to Manila next day. Her brother, First Lieut. Rudolph Multz, jet flier in the U. S. Marine Corps, will fly home Dec. 21. A third member of this family, Margaret, will fly home from Los Angeles for the Christmas holidays.

Elder Kammyer has finished his mission here. He left for home Nov. 19. . . Welcome to Brother and Sister Dale here from Richfield, Utah. . . Edna Burke spent Thanksgiving with her daughters in Los Angeles.

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers held a meeting at the home of Amelia Everett, Nov. 15.

A surprise baby shower by the Primary Officers, honored Letty Knowles at the home of Hazel Bangerter. Letty gave birth to her fourth girl, Patricia Ellen, Oct. 5th.

A baby shower honoring Lucille Buchan was given Nov. 19. Lucille is also mother of four.

Mark Madson and Jay Limon gave testimonies Sun. Nov. 11, before leaving for the troubled areas of Europe.

Babies Blessed: Drew Jay Neil, David Lee Garrett Jr. and Annette Ruth Williams.

Members confirmed Nov. 4, including five converts, were Lewis Edward Engel, Mary Margaret Howland, Bernice Darlene Eastman, Jack Royal Eastman, Walter Lewis DeCelle, Daniel James McDonald, Marsha Pierce, William Christopher Jones, Elizabeth Diane Peterson, James William Patterson, Donald Keith Van Gundy.

Mrs. Lacey and her two children, Anita Aline, and Holly Marie, were baptized Nov. 17.

Walter Soots and Paul Hunter have been ordained teachers. . . John I. Hess and Sister Hess recently visited their daughter, Elaine Lane.

Myrna Legg, old friend here from Arizona, visited our Sunday School Sept. 30, and later underwent surgery at Letterman Hospital.

Babies blessed in October were: Sandy Denise Morgan, Pierce Andrew Jensen, 3rd., Steven Crandall Buchan, Wallace Scott Seavers, Ernest Jay Tedders, Bonnie Lynn Joseph and Craig Herm Lehman. Confirmed was Shirley Ann Bradshaw.

Man Disillusioned

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Since this Church was brought to me personally in answer to prayer, I know beyond any possibility of doubt that it is the true Church. I know further that it is the only Church having authority handed down directly from Christ Himself. Therefore, I pledge myself to serve, through this Church, God, Christ, and my fellow man with all the strength of my heart and mind and soul for all time and for all eternity, and I do so in Jesus' name, amen.

Berkeley Second

Shakespeare, Cooks, Book of Mormon— At Relief Society

by Ann Crockett

Did The Goblins Get You?

Ghosts and goblins and Grecian maid
Halloweened gaily in spritely parade,
Pierrot and Pieretting—kids had a fling
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All You Gentle Femmes

For Evans sake come to Relief Society . . . this year . You'll learn Farr more about Shakespeare than you ever suspected. Here you'll get Reams of understanding from the Book of Mormon. And as authority on Family Living, Ida Like to report that Holmes are enhanced with Peggy's Flamm-bouyant culinary capers. So gentle ladies, coordinate your interests with those of Ericson, Smith, Corbett and Hulme, and find blessed Relief in this serviceable Society.

The Parson Speaks

To us, Frank Parsons is as symbolic of our LDS tradition as our chapel's mellowed oak pulpit. From his repertroire of Book of Mormon readings we have gleaned some penetrating sermons. . Not from context alone, but from the sincerity and power of his personal conviction. Thanks to Lucille Ream, capable Relief Society theology teacher, the Sisters were given a memorable treat by our inimitable Brother Parsons.

Rich Harvest

Peggy Flamm "special featured" her Relief Society class this month by the much-in-demand Mr. Wheatly, Decorative Consultant from Jackson Furniture. The whimsical Mr. Wheatly sowed a rich harvest of practical suggestions, and showed us how to separate chaff from wheat in home decorating problems.

Travel-Airs

"Oh," gurgled Ida Holmes one day after Relief Society, as she walked carward with a "hometaking" friend—"There's SAM! See you later." Off she dashed to greet her be-lei-dened son.

"Really, mater," quipped Sam, necklacing his Mom with orchids, "Marie says there's no place like Holmes' after a trip to Hawaii."

Here For A Short Stay

Were Denver visitors Laura Stay and baby son, Paul, so named for his doting grandfather. The Summerhays are doubly happy, Paul having recently christened their son Charles' baby, remember? Next christening, if it's a girl, he can probably say Grace, to please grandma.

Still Traveling

"Hale, Hale, is the gang all here?" quieted Lettie, counting additional young noses—Yep, while Ray and Margaret are Australian-bound, three Thompson youngsters are having a Hale of a time at Zendy's. On the entertainment committee is Grandpa Raymond, Lettie's wonderful dad, imported from Pocatello.

Primrose Pilgrimage

Helen and son Bucky Rose to an occasion—a Thanksgiving pilgrimage to Utah. Picking up Charles Jr. at BYU, they spent the holiday with a bunch of bountiful Roses. Relatively speaking, Bountiful is Papa Rose's hometown.

Lucky Bird

Wishing to celebrate the Joy-ous event of his newly-christened sister, young Robbin Henrie begged his mother for a kite. This fledgling felt like flying.

Pressed for time, his mother was busily establishing the baby's routine. She couldn't take "big brother" to the nearby dime store just then. But remembering his birthday, she finally conceded to incessant "pleez mamaaaaa-ings."

"I know you'll be five years old tomorrow, son If I let you go to the store alone, will you promise to come directly home after getting your kite and string?"

Promising away flew Robin.

Purpose accomplished, homebound Robin hopped out of the

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He Has Re-Read Book Of Mormon Twenty-One Times

When we greeted our very dear veteran friend, Oscar Fontano of Alameda, at the high priests party in November, one member said to Elder Fontano, "Well, Oscar, how many times is it now that you have read the Book of Mormon through?"

It should be said that this question is a natural one because the saints hereabouts have been thrilled to hear Elder Fontano bear his fervent testimony concerning the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, and also concerning the miraculous protection that saved his life at the time that he accepted the Gospel in his native Switzerland.

Oscar's own brother was so filled with hatred of the Restored Gospel that he tried to shoot him to death when Oscar persisted in his determination to be baptized. But the fervent prayer of Elder Fontano prevailed and the arm of the brother was temporarily stricken so that he could not fire the loaded weapon.

Many have also heard Brother Fontano tell how in a dream he saw a certain house in Alameda, and later when he and his companion were tracting as missionaries he knew this house, and when he called the lady promptly invited them in to explain the Gospel, saying that after much prayer she had been shown in a dream that two men would call and bring her the true Gospel, and that she recognized them as the men of her inspired dream.

So we were prepared to hear this man of God answer the question as to his re-reading of the sacred modern scripture by saying with his usual benign smile, "I think that it is twenty-one times now". And then he added in a low voice, "That book is more sweet to me each time I read it".

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Shakespeare, Food, Book of Mormon At Relief Society

Variety Store kite aflight, its brightness bannering the gusty sky over traffic-belching Stockton Street. Delighted, the boy unwound more string. The kite soared higher, ever higher, wafting over a huge truck.

Well, you all know the rest. The wind lulled. The kite nose-dived truckward. So did Robin! In an instant a watchful store proprietor had screamed the truck to a halt —but not before Robin had been bumperized under it.

An hour later, lucky Robin was home from the hospital, safe and soundful. Like a destroying angel, the truck has passed over, not on him. How' that for free-wheeling?

Next Thursday, Robin's primary purpose was to tell classmates that, unless Heavenly Father is watching, kids, like kites, can't tangle with trucks without getting unstrung.

RELATIVE IMPORTANCE

Conclusion

Did you know that next time Ned and Shirley Clyde return a parental visit it will probably be at the Governor's mansion in Salt Lake? Yes, siree, popular Ned Clyde is the son of Utah's Governor-Elect. If father's like son, we'd vote for him too.

BAER ESSENTIALS

To dozens of friends, the most important event of their Thanksgiving was a timely visit with that great favorite, Bob Baer. Radiant and recovering, Bob was home from Children's Hospial for the day.

"Hale, Hale, is the gang all here?" quieted Letty, counting additional noses . . . Yep, while Ray and Margaret are Australia bound, the Thompson youngsters are having a Hale of a good time at Zendy's. On the entertainment committee is Grandpa Raymond, Letty's wonderful Dad, imported from Pocatello.

THE FIRST HIGH COUNCIL OF THE NEW OAKLAND-BERKELEY STAKE OF ZION as seen at the first conference, November 18, 1956, after the constitution of the stake. Six of the council members are from the Oakland area and six from the Berkeley end of the stake. From L. to R., seated, Dennis L. Lauper, Willard E. Ellis, W. Paul Summerhays, Elmer R. Clark, George Douglas Ream and Joseph C. Eyring. Standing, Curtis R. Bybee, James Sabine, J. Howard Dunn, Paul E. Warnick, Eugene S. Hilton and Denzel C. Allen. Photo by Pyle Photo

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Centerville Ward

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In Centerville it is a masonry contractor, an engineer and an accountant and another with the skill of a bricklayer in the person of the ward clerk to cap it all.

And as for the states of birth, how is this: the bishop and one counselor born in Idaho while the other counselor was born is Wyoming! And yet here they are in sunny California at ages 32 to 42 to complete the new bishopric for the thriving ward of Centerville. Wonderful melting pot, this Gospel.

Bishop Andrew G. Hunt, 42, born and educated in Idaho came to the Bay area in 1940 in the masonry contracting business. His prior church service runs all the way from priesthood advisor, and Sunday School superintendent to stake missionary and bishopric's counselor.

Andy and Ruth have three children, Don 19, Pat 16 and Randy 1½.

Henry L. Hoem, 42, first counselor to Bishop Hunt, hails from Wyoming, moved to San Francisco in 1923, to Oakland in 1939 and to Centerville in 1955. He joined the Church in 1945 and has served as deacon's advisor, ward clerk and bishop's counselor. His business with the National Carpeting of Oakland is that of standards and quality engineer.

He and his wife Nadine Williams Hoem have three children: Nadine 15, Deann and Robert 6.

Kay W. Richardson, 32, second counselor, saw the light of day first in Sugar City, Idaho and has attended the Stanford School of Business, coming here in 1946. Now an accountant, he also has served as deacon's advisor, YMMIA superintendent and ward financial clerk. Just like the other two in the bishopric he has only three children: David 8, Kathryn 5 and Robert, 8 months.

George S. Moffet, ward clerk, 40, is a bricklayer by trade and a good one, it is said. He and his wife Tuiela have the highest score in the children catagory of any in Centerville bishopric: Dennis, Lynn, Scott and Glenda. Elder Moffet has served as YMMIA superintendent and ward clerk. The family came to the Bay area in 1941.

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Alameda Hospital Administrator And Alameda Sister Married

By Mildred Fontana

The efficient Alameda hospital administrator, George Collins, at a quiet four o'clock ceremony on Thanksgiving day with President Elmo R. Smith officiating, was united in wedlock to Mrs. A. S. Major at her home on Pearl Street in Alameda.

Those in attendance were Mrs. Howard Fair, daughter of Mrs. Major, and her husband, Lt. Fair from Monterey. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richir of Oakland, and Charles and Margaret Ellen Major. Also the son John, and Dixie, the daughter of George Collins.

Mrs. Major is the widow of Capt. Major, who was killed in a plane crash.

The couple will reside at Pearl Street in Alameda.

John Q. Gobbler, presiding judge, with Nipp E. Cheese, Clerk, and Cy Derr, deputy clerk, held high court with Thanksgiving goodies at the Brown and Smith Law Office in Oakland, November 21. Hundreds of friends were subpoenied and gave firm testimony as requested.

As witness ..... signed..... Mildred Fontano

Kieth Stevens and Carol Wright Married

Hundreds of friends of the Keith Stevens and Carol Wright families assembled at the Maxwell Church, November 16, to wish the happy couple much joy. It was a gala occasion following the marriage of the couple in the Los Angeles Temple where the parents of both Carol and Keith were in attendance. Keith and Carol stayed on in Los Angeles and were fortunate on the Bob Crosby and Art Linkletter TV programs where they received a refrigerator and other gifts. They plan to attend the BYU.

Richmond Ward

Christmas Bazaar Offered Bargains

By Beverly Stevenson

Early Christmas shoppers found many practical gifts at the Richmond Ward Christmas bazaar, held December 1 in the Recreation Hall. The MIA had a toy sale, and the Relief Society a sale of lovely articles.

The Sunday School provided a photography booth, with a poloroid camera. The Primary had their popular Fish Pond.

Movies were shown in the scout room for the youngsters. A teenage dance was held in an upstairs room.

The auxiliaries and committees, under the general chairmanship of Dick Groves, worked together hard to make this event a booming success.

November 24 was the night of the "Youth Dinner", for the teenagers of the ward, a child dinner with all the trimmings, topped off by an excellent floor show. The Special Interest class will sponsor a dinner dance on December 15, at $2.00 per person, entitling the bearer to a spaghetti dinner, a floor show and dancing. The officers and teachers of the MIA and the bishopric will enjoy a Christmas party, Dec. 22 with games, refreshments, exchanging of gifts, and dancing.

The Primary welcomes two new teachers — Veronica Morris, Co-Pilot leader, and Fae Massey, Blazer leader. On December 19, the Primary will be visited by Santa Claus. He will distribute treats to the children.

Diana Whiffen Chosen Cellist At The BYU

Diana Whiffen, daughter of Brother and Sister Henry Whiffin of Alameda Ward, has been chosen to be a cellist in the orchestra of the Brigham Young University.

This recognition of the talents of Diana is appreciated by her many local friends because the BYU orchestra has very high standards of excellence, and performs for many lovely functions and concerts throughout the school year.

Berkeley First

Bishop, Mrs. Fife Entertain Young Married Couples

Bishop and Margaret Fife entertained at their home on Forrest Street 70 young people including married students and their wives. The ward is enjoying the association and help of the largest crop of married students for many years. They are unusually able and helpful in the program of the ward.

The Singing Mothers again charmed the saints in the semi-annual Relief Society Sunday evening November 4, Pres. La Von Johnson presiding, Mother with Grace Boyack, organist and Helga Evans leading the singing, Beautiful, assigned talks were given by counselors Margaret Fife and Wanda Painter. Sister Johnson spoke of the goal of the Society to raise the 50 per cent attendance; and she especially appealed to the young mothers to come to and avail themselves of the baby-care provided.

Rachel Ball received two surprises recently.One, when her son Russell and wife Hazel came from Alburquerque for a week's stay and visit, and also, when she received word that her sister Maud Fuller (well known here as the mother of Oliver Fullmer and Mrs. Thomas Curtis) has been installed as receptionist in the beautiful new Relief Society Building in Salt Lake City. Sister Fullmer's sons built the structure.

Pete Kenner, the delightful son of Institute Director and Mrs. Lee Kenner, has returned and spoken in the ward giving a report of his mission in the New England States. His testimony was beautiful to hear in the ward and also at the stake conference.

Jesse and Phyllis Farr, he the former bishop of the ward, and their 17-year old Mike and 15-year old Pat visited the Sunday services Fast Sunday. Jesse is now on the Palo Alto Stake high council; he commutes to San Francisco daily to his duties as head of the regional legal office of the United States Department of Agiculture.

Genealogy Class

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data on Jedidiah J. Hardy, lawyer in 1880 census of S.F. nat. of Kentucky, 1823—parents from Virginia.

Sr. Hummer 2432 Curtis St., Berkeley has received fine data on from records of Defenders of the Alamo, reports Br. Hoatt.

Sr. Helen Green 841a Shrader St., S.F. many items on Alphonse and Daniel Green o Madison County, N.Y.

Br. Russell Hulme, 210 Appleton Ave., S.F., will exchange data on Bourne and Shenton lines of Staffordshire.

Some Newer Missionary Methods Developed

Elder George Q. Morris returned from a tour of the Central States Mission and reported in October last that the missionaries there were being schooled in a new "door approach" designed to stimulate interest in each householder in the young missionary and his message. This is the new approach:

The missionaries are developing sound public relations at the beginning by calling upon civic and educational leaders in each community; introducing themselves to service people in each town; and leaving their pictures and material with newspaper, television and radio stations.

He reported that much of the material is used readily by such agencies, and that missions thereby rapidly gain ready access to homes and are accepted in the community for an impartial hearing. This is termed the new "door approach."

The Church membership in the Mission has increased from 12,000 to 14,000 in the last two years. To date this year 600 convert baptisms have been achieved and many more will be reported by the end of the year.

Berkeley

PROF. McNAMARA AT "Y" "CAL" GRAD GETS $5,800 GRANT

Elder D. H. McNamara, formerly U.C. student, now Dr. McNamara at the BYU, was honored recently for his abilities as a promising astronomer, being now an assistant professor of mathematics and physics at the "Y".

He left in late October for the Mount Wilson observatory where he will continue study under a $5,800 grant awarded by the National Science Foundation.

This grant calls for spectographic study of variations in the speed and route of certain "eclipsing binary stars."

Word Of Wisdom

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Finally, the preface to the book, The Word of Wisdom, declares:

"Latter-day Saints and all others

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Sale of Good Old Oakland Chapel May Be Consumated in Near Future

It is understood that the old Oakland chapel of many clinging ivy-green memories has been offered for sale and a deposit accepted subject to the approval of the First Presidency.

Futhermore, it is stated, the beloved Oakland Third Ward chapel has likewise been offered for sale, and thus may be sold at sometime in the future.

In the event of a sale of the Oakland Ward chapel, located in that auto race-way called MacArthur Boulevard and Webster Streets, it is probable that ward would move in on a staggered meeting schedule with the Claremont Ward which is located on Stuart Street near Telegraph Avenue Berkeley, a little more than a half-mile south of the University campus.

When the proposed new chapel on Temple hill is completed, it is pointed out, the Oakland Ward and the Oakland Third Wards would jointly occupy a most modern chapel on what is probably the most wide-sweeping church view site in the state of California, if not in the Church as a whole.

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Much Stake and Ward Reorganization Occurs In Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Things have been happening fast in the new Oakland-Berkeley Stake since its organization three months ago. One ward has been disorganized and its members divided between two contiguous wards; one new bishop has been- installed, and two released with thanks for good services.

Moreover, changes in the bishoprics of two other wards have been made as have other reorganizations on ward and stake levels.

New stake alignments may be expected in regard to the two welfare farms and the two welfare centers in the near future.

The ward that was disorganized was the Oakland Fifth, lying largely in the Piedmont and East Oakland hill section. Its bishop Paul E. Warnick is now a member of the stake high council, while the ward's first counselor, Roy F. Weindorf, is the new stake mission president.

The 200 and more families of the old Oakland Fourth Ward have been addd more or less equally to the Claremont and the Oakland Third Wards.

Claremont's veteran bishop, A. Seldon Millward and first counselor, Fred Reiche have been honorably released with the most hearty vote of thanks, and Joseph E. Wood, second counselor, has been sustained bishop with Orrin D. Wardel and Del Carter as counselors and Ernest J. Ahlborn, Glen Bergeson and Robert F. Lowe as ward clerks.

Charles H. Houston has been honorably released as counselor to Bishop M. Dee Smith of Oakland Third Ward. The counselors are now Mariner Swenson and Ray Jamieson. Robert Jaynes has become assistant ward clerk.

Marion G. Stephens has been sustained as second counselor to Pres. Don C. Wood of the stake's high priest's quorum, a place left vacant by the release of Mariner Swenson.

Timothy Morley has been released as coordinator of the Welfare Region with the most hearty appreciation for his stupendous services in this vital work, and Lorenzo Hoopes sustained in that position with Robert Glissmeyer of San Leandro as secretary-auditor and Victor Peterson of Berkeley First as storekeeper.

James E. Larsen of the General Welfare Committee met with the Hayward and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes in late November to discuss a possible equitable future status of the two welfare farms and the two welfare centers in the area of these stakes. Announcements may soon be forthcoming in regard to these important matters.

Elder Ron Banks In Duluth Says Enjoys Messenger

Elder Ronald D. Banks dropped a postal card in a Duluth, Minnesota mail box to tell the editor that, "I surely enjoy the Messenger whenever I get one. I liked the editorial on prayer in the October issue very much," he adds and continues. "That Oakland-Berkeley roster took me back a few years too!"

We quote this full-time missionary in order to let parents know that all missionaries away from home are entitled to receive the Messenger. Many receive it regularly; some move and forget to notify us.

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President McKay Calls For More Excellent Students of Sciences

Pres. David O. McKay called for more and for better American engineers and scientists to keep our nations in the lead economically, in an address at the Brigham Young University October 30, 1956.

HE QUOTED James Conan, Harvard University president, as saying "America's rapid advance in the fields of arts and science depends on the number of first-rate men we are able to produce."

The Church leader said the United States is in desperate danger of falling behind the Soviet Union in training engineers and scientists. He added that the quality of engineers and scientists in Russia has always been good. "We should not fool ourselves thinking they are not," he stressed.

"Strive to excell," he repeated. Unless we learn self control and self mastery we are failures in life."

Word Of Wisdom

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would do well to acquaint themselves with the truths, positive and negative, taught and implied in the Word of Wisdom, and to practice its precepts so that disease would be prevented. Thereby they would win the fundamentals of life s happiness."

How Many Stakes, Wards, People In South California

From Intermountain News, Los Angeles

There are 20 stakes and 215 wards and branches of the Church in Southern California as of September 25. There may be more next week. The Church is growing that rapidly in Southern California.

During the past year three stakes were organized and two stake centers were dedicated.

It was in 1923 that the first stake was organized on the Pacific Coast with headquarters in the Adams Ward. Since that time 19 other stakes have been created within a radius of approximately 100 miles.

Seventeen stakes have been organized in Southern California in the past 20 years, 12 of them in the last seven years, for an average of nearly two a year since 1949.

A new ward or branch was created in Southern California on an average of every 17 days during the past year, according to information gleaned from the new 1956 LDS Regional Directory published annually by the California Intermountain News.

There are 20 stakes and most of one mission in Southern California with a total of 215 wards and branches. A year ago there were 191.

There are 136,844 Latter-day Saints in Southern California according to calculations taken from the known membership and allowing for population increase since the last census plus an estimate for members living here but not yet on ward rolls.

This is an increase of 37% over estimated figures of 100,000 which were used quite extensively during public viewing of the Los Angeles Temple earlier this year.

Population throughout the entire State of California is set at approximately 211,000.

Southern California stakes and their memberships of record before the San Fernando Stake division a fortnight ago were as follows:

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Much Stake and Ward Reorganization Occurs In Oakland-Berkeley Stake

Things have been happening fast in the new Oakland-Berkeley Stake since its organization three months ago. One ward has been disorganized and its members divided between two contiguous wards; one new bishop has been- installed, and two released with thanks for good services.

Moreover, changes in the bishoprics of two other wards have been made as have other reorganizations on ward and stake levels.

New stake alignments may be expected in regard to the two welfare farms and the two welfare centers in the near future.

The ward that was disorganized was the Oakland Fifth, lying largely in the Piedmont and East Oakland hill section. Its bishop Paul E. Warnick is now a member of the stake high council, while the ward's first counselor, Roy F. Weindorf, is the new stake mission president.

The 200 and more families of the old Oakland Fourth Ward have been addd more or less equally to the Claremont and the Oakland Third Wards.

Claremont's veteran bishop, A. Seldon Millward and first counselor, Fred Reiche have been honorably released with the most hearty vote of thanks, and Joseph E. Wood, second counselor, has been sustained bishop with Orrin D. Wardel and Del Carter as counselors and Ernest J. Ahlborn, Glen Bergeson and Robert F. Lowe as ward clerks.

Charles H. Houston has been honorably released as counselor to Bishop M. Dee Smith of Oakland Third Ward. The counselors are now Mariner Swenson and Ray Jamieson. Robert Jaynes has become assistant ward clerk.

Marion G. Stephens has been sustained as second counselor to Pres. Don C. Wood of the stake's high priest's quorum, a place left vacant by the release of Mariner Swenson.

Timothy Morley has been released as coordinator of the Welfare Region with the most hearty appreciation for his stupendous services in this vital work, and Lorenzo Hoopes sustained in that position with Robert Glissmeyer of San Leandro as secretary-auditor and Victor Peterson of Berkeley First as storekeeper.

James E. Larsen of the General Welfare Committee met with the Hayward and the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes in late November to discuss a possible equitable future status of the two welfare farms and the two welfare centers in the area of these stakes. Announcements may soon be forthcoming in regard to these important matters.

Elder Ron Banks In Duluth Says Enjoys Messenger

Elder Ronald D. Banks dropped a postal card in a Duluth, Minnesota mail box to tell the editor that, "I surely enjoy the Messenger whenever I get one. I liked the editorial on prayer in the October issue very much," he adds and continues. "That Oakland-Berkeley roster took me back a few years too!"

We quote this full-time missionary in order to let parents know that all missionaries away from home are entitled to receive the Messenger. Many receive it regularly; some move and forget to notify us.

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President McKay Calls For More Excellent Students of Sciences

Pres. David O. McKay called for more and for better American engineers and scientists to keep our nations in the lead economically, in an address at the Brigham Young University October 30, 1956.

HE QUOTED James Conan, Harvard University president, as saying "America's rapid advance in the fields of arts and science depends on the number of first-rate men we are able to produce."

The Church leader said the United States is in desperate danger of falling behind the Soviet Union in training engineers and scientists. He added that the quality of engineers and scientists in Russia has always been good. "We should not fool ourselves thinking they are not," he stressed.

"Strive to excell," he repeated. Unless we learn self control and self mastery we are failures in life."

Word Of Wisdom

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would do well to acquaint themselves with the truths, positive and negative, taught and implied in the Word of Wisdom, and to practice its precepts so that disease would be prevented. Thereby they would win the fundamentals of life s happiness."

How Many Stakes, Wards, People In South California

From Intermountain News, Los Angeles

There are 20 stakes and 215 wards and branches of the Church in Southern California as of September 25. There may be more next week. The Church is growing that rapidly in Southern California.

During the past year three stakes were organized and two stake centers were dedicated.

It was in 1923 that the first stake was organized on the Pacific Coast with headquarters in the Adams Ward. Since that time 19 other stakes have been created within a radius of approximately 100 miles.

Seventeen stakes have been organized in Southern California in the past 20 years, 12 of them in the last seven years, for an average of nearly two a year since 1949.

A new ward or branch was created in Southern California on an average of every 17 days during the past year, according to information gleaned from the new 1956 LDS Regional Directory published annually by the California Intermountain News.

There are 20 stakes and most of one mission in Southern California with a total of 215 wards and branches. A year ago there were 191.

There are 136,844 Latter-day Saints in Southern California according to calculations taken from the known membership and allowing for population increase since the last census plus an estimate for members living here but not yet on ward rolls.

This is an increase of 37% over estimated figures of 100,000 which were used quite extensively during public viewing of the Los Angeles Temple earlier this year.

Population throughout the entire State of California is set at approximately 211,000.

Southern California stakes and their memberships of record before the San Fernando Stake division a fortnight ago were as follows:

Bakersfield 3622, Covina 5367, East Long Beach 6694, East Los Angeles 7445, Glendale 5737, Inglewood 3952, Long Beach 5917, Los Angeles 4525, Mt. Rubidoux 4392, Orange County 4967, Pasadena 4375, Redondo 6322, San Bernardino 4282, San Diego 6980, San Fernando 10,256, Santa Barbara 3021, Santa Monica 4935, and South Los Angeles 7455.

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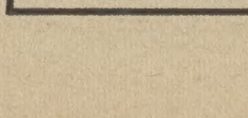

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"Y" Travel-Study Tours Enrollment Now Under Way

The Brigham Young University Travel Study program enrollment or the coming summer is now under way.

These tours are not limited to BYU students or former students. Anyone 17 to 70 years of age who is willing to adhere to the standards of the Church or Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints may file applications for membership, according to the Travel-Study chairman.

"Since enrollment is limited for each tour, early enrollment is essential," says the chairman. For tours aboard December registration is needed.

These tours have mushroomed since 1951 into what is now referred to by the vice president of America Youth Aboard, as "The finest and most highly developed educational travel program of any college or university in the country."

The American History and Government tour will leave Salt Lake City June 8 and return July 17.

Other tours include the 15-day Socio-Cultural Tour of the Hawaiian Islands, two different student tours and two peoples and cultures tours of Europe, a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints history tour, a Mexico study tour, a Book of Mormon tour of Mexico and Central America, a circle tour of South America, and round the world tour. College credits may be earned.

Berkeley Stake Roster As First Organized, 1946

The heads of quorums and auxiliaries in the first organization of the new Berkeley Stake were listed in the November 1946 Messenger.

Annetta Wood is the only name listed who still heads the same organization as in 1946, in her case, president of the stake Primary.

Two quorum presidents in 1946 are now high councilmen, W. Paul Summerhays and Willard E. Ellis.

In reading the list of Berkeley stake officers printed below, the reader will recall that that stake then included Vallejo and Napa Wards. Here is the roster of Berkeley Stake first-named organization presidents:

Heber Ellsworth, now living in Sacramento, was president of the high priests quorum.

W. Paul Summerhays was president of both the 273rd quorum of Seventy and of the Stake Mission.

J. Myron Tilford was president of the 339th quorum of Seventy. He was then and still is in Vallejo.

The four presidents of the stake's four quorums of elders were in order: Willard E. Ellis, Kenneth Calapp, Irel Barrus and E. M. Gleason.

Louise Odgen Knight headed the stake Relief Society; Richard W. Owens, the Sunday School; C. Hamilton Price, the YMMIA; Margaret Fife, the YWMIA; Annetta Wood, the Primary and La Real Eyring, the Girls' Committee.

Reed Kellar was the new bishop of Napa.

Oakland Stake Roster As Of November 1956

The November Messenger, 1946, carried the list of Oakland Stake quorum and auxiliary heads as of that year.

Berkeley Stake had been newly organized, taking away some quorum and auxiliary members and leaders. A partial reorganization therefore had been necessary at that time in Oakland Stake. We present that roster below.

Several interesting things appear:

Roy F. Weindorf was Oakland Stake Mission President in 1946 and has been sustained again in 1956 as the new head of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Mission.

Vinal G. Mauss who was then president of the stake's high priests' quorum, later became bishop of Oakland Ward and then president of the Japanese Mission. He now heads genealogical work in the new Walnut Creek Stake.

Leonard Lynn, then stake Sunday School head is now president of the Hayward Stake Mission. Glen C. Shaw, in 1946 headed the Stake YMMIA, later was in the stake presidency and now resides in Salt Lake City.

The roster of Oakland Stake's quorum and auxiliary heads as listed in the November 1946 Messenger reads as follows:

Vinal G. Mauss was high priests president while Roy F. Weindorf was then 247th quorum of Seventy senior president.

The four presidents of the stake's five elders' quorums were in order: Leath Cluff, Donald S. Rawberry, Warren Berg, Richard W. Allphin and Richard W. Nelson.

Auxiliary heads were:
Relief Society: Ruth Hilton
Sunday School: Leonard J. Lyons
YMMIA: Glen C. Shaw
YWMIA: Zellnora Evans
Primary: Gertrude Lesser
Girls Committee: La Priel Moody

Oakland Second

Bishop's Message

Thanksgiving just past and the year ending soon gives us a sense of inventory taking. Where do we stand with ourselves and the Lord?

Do we keep peace with the Lord and ourselves that in time of need we can say without faltering, "Father I have done whatsoever thou hast asked of me through thy servants. Now I need help and feel not amiss in asking."

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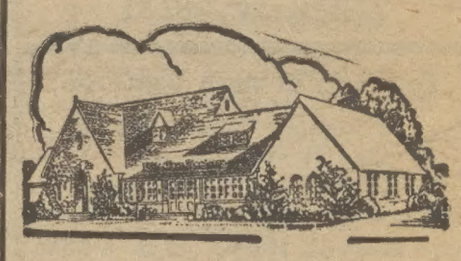

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